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In an attempt to make a **statement** about racism awareness on campus, an unidentified person tied a blindfold over the Alma Mater's eyes this past November. The incident happened the same night a group of students **concerned** about campus racism met to create armbands like the blindfold in this picture to wear around campus and promote racism **awareness**. The blindfold may have reflected one student's **opinion** about how the University might not be doing as good a job as it should be in addressing certain **issues** on campus.

the chief debate



- charles cass

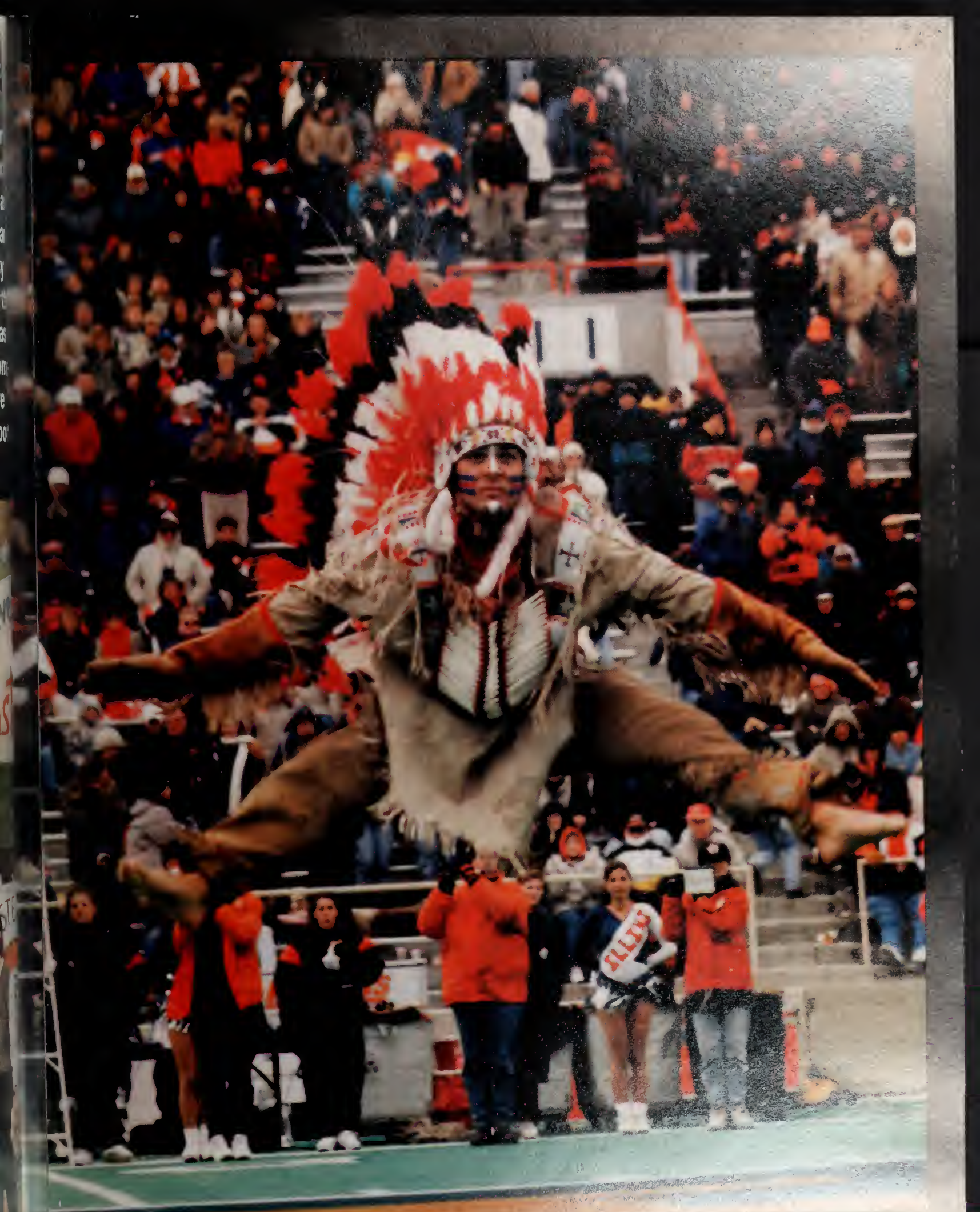
One student compares the Chief to another religion's leader, the Pope.

Students protest the Chief on game day outside of Memorial Stadium.

It seems everyday someone states their **opinion** about the integrity of U of I's **symbol**. Is the Chief a derogatory trademark of the Fighting Illini, or does he represent all the Fighting Illini are fighting for? It is time to take a stand, a final position on the controversy **Chief Illiniwek** has stirred across the Big 10. Our biggest rival, Iowa, has banned our **mascot** from their home games. How much can we endure before we come together in support or against the Chief?



-charles cass



Chef Illiniwek Scott Brakenridge performs his traditional halftone dance.



-pete mackay

voting in '96 at u of i

MTV's "Rock the Vote" bus visits the U of I during this election year. Its purpose was to encourage college students to **vote** in the upcoming city, state and presidential **elections**. Volunteer Illini Projects sponsored their own program, "Project Vote," in the Courtyard Cafe. Shocked to see **MTV on the Quad**? This student reacted the same way many students did when they saw the rather large van in front of the **Illini Union**.



-pete mackay

Amy Dawdy, freshman in CBA, gets easy access to the registration table at the Courtyard Cafe in the Union. Project Vote attempted to interest students in voting and the upcoming election.



-pete mackay

Matt Wszolek, freshman in CBA, gets information on the upcoming election from a computer monitor in the Union. Screens like this were mainstays in the foyers of the Illini Union even after the presidential elections.



-pete mackay

Monica Yaun, senior in CBA, registers Sean Curtin, freshman in LAS, to vote in the upcoming election during Project Vote at the Courtyard Cafe.

Billy Corgan, lead singer of The Smashing Pumpkins, stares at the crowd during their sold out show. Corgan, who is not just a musician but also an artist, told the crowd he passed up the chance to go to the U of I for a career in the music business. God knows he made the right choice.



-joel renny

some famous people stopped by

Some of the most outspoken role models visited campus. **The Smashing Pumpkins**, Phish, **Maya Angelou** and Sandra Bernhard came to the U of I during the 1996-97 school year. They all spouted some thoughts on the world and some of them even gave us **advice** for life. Some picked on us, others praised us. We **listened** and we learned.



-tony mastrangeli

Phish dazzle a sold-out Assembly Hall crowd for the second year in a row. In a spectacular array of lights, they entertain the crowd with their hit single, "Free."



-joel rennich



-joel rennich

Crass but classy, Sandra Bernhard strutted across the stage at Assembly Hall as this year's free comedy show. Boldly, she responded to problems facing "Generation X".

Maya Angelou's inspirational speech called for African-Americans to have a sense of pride and hope in this world of possibilities.

def comedy jam

Def Comedy Jam at Lincoln Hall was definitely a "Laugh Fest" this year. The event was sold out two days in advance. Students enjoyed the **comedic** routines of B*Cole, Kenny Howell, Sha-Sha and **comedienne** Chocolate, who was definitely the crowd favorite. In fact, **Chocolate** was the first comedienne ever to perform at Def Comedy Jam. The event preceded the African-American Homecoming Dance, **Purple Haze**. Both events were successful and are becoming traditions here at the University of Illinois.

The first comedian to perform at Def Comedy Jam was the crowd's favorite act of the night. "Chocolate" performed in front of a full house at Lincoln Hall during African-American Homecoming Week.



-charles cass

Many other comedians took the stage to entertain the crowd. This comedian points the mic to the audience to get their reaction.





-charles cass

Students perform their own skits during Def Comedy Jam. Many get together weeks in advance. This was the third year for the event.

Students improvised and acted crazy during this year's Def Comedy Jam.



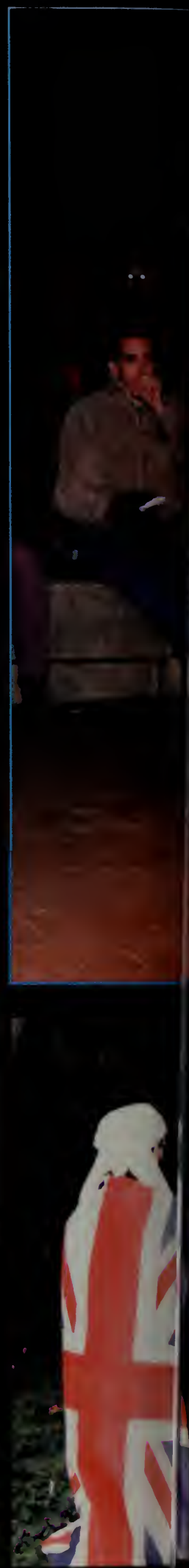
-charles cass

This member of SAMS delivers a speech before the tricycle races on the Quad this Halloween.



-charles cass

This student circles the Quad for a good cause. Students Against Multiple Sclerosis had a tricycle race on the Quad to raise profits for organizations.



students against multiple sclerosis

Cheers were heard around campustown for a good cause last Halloween. Students Against Multiple Sclerosis raised hundreds of dollars in one of the most profitable **fund-raisers** of the year. Fifty-four teams of two revved up their **tricycles** and rode around the Quad to fight against one of society's most crippling and puzzling **diseases**. All **profits** went to either the National Sclerosis Society or to the Multiple Sclerosis support group in Champaign.



-charles cass



-charles cass

This student coasting down the Quad was one of over one-hundred participants in the SAMS rally on the Quad.

A student takes a moment by himself to reflect on the speeches during the rally.



-charles cass

Late Nighter

Every year kicks off the same way. **Students** got all dressed up in wrestling costumes to take their frustration out on their best friends at the **Late Nighter**, sponsored by the Illini Union. Others **wowed** students with their vocals singing their favorite songs in the karaoke booth. Others simply walked around and tried to get used to their new home away from home - the **U of I**. The Illini Union Board had two purposes in organizing the Late Nighter: a safe alternative from the bar scene and **FUN!**

LaShawn Jones lip syncs to "Baby Got Back" with the rest of the Trelease Posse at the "Make Your Own Video" Booth at the Late Nighter.



-pamela riley

Sumo wrestling takes strength, determination and will power. Students wrestled each other anywhere from one to five minutes and tried to pin their opponent.





Some students do whatever it takes to win. Just a few more feet and this student will win his bungee race, but his opponent tries to send him back to the starting line by grabbing his arm.

-pamela riley



Stephanie Lewis, a member of the Illini Union Board, prepares cotton candy for students at the Late Nighter. IUB has made the Late Nighter an annual event for incoming students.

-pamela riley

Just another victim, or uhh.. we mean student. Mad Max is a mainstay on the U of I Quad. He preaches how only the holy will go to heaven and how a majority of college students are sinners.



"God on the Quad," otherwise known as Mad Max, preaches to a large group of students on the Quad. Almost every Tuesday and Thursday, Mad Max chants to students about how they will all go to hell and perish unless they strictly follow the Bible. Although many strongly disagree with him, he always draws quite a crowd.



In the play *Beauty and the Beast*, the Grotesques were the supporting roles of the play. They took on many different roles during the performance and moved props on and off the stage.

you know you're in chambana when...

Mad Max, orange and blue, lots of **caffeine** and of course **CORN!** There is only one **place** you can be- the **Twin Cities** of Illinois.

Larissa Dudycz, sophomore in LAS, makes a drink at Espresso Royale. It is the most popular coffee shop on campus.

-pete mackay



-pamela riley

Workers prepare for Urbana's Sweet Corn Festival. The annual event occurs every August before classes begin at the U of I.

Track and field members ride their float in the Homecoming Parade. They seem to be #1 in spirit.



-pete mackay



-pete mackay



While other runners stretch, these two mentally prepare for the 5K Homecoming run in their own unique running attire. It was the second annual run.
Photo by Pete Mackay

a college education may be about preparing for a job, but our time at the university of illinois has given us more than facts and skills. we have joined 36,500 different students. we came and shared different ideas, views and opinions. we ended up stimulating each other's mind and soul. opinions from all 50 states and over 100 nations contribute to a university that is ever-changing. by now many of us have learned it is not the information in the books that shape how we think. rather, it was great teachers, friends and acquaintances that left a part of themselves with us by voicing their thoughts and their views. this is the spirit of the university of illinois.

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[opening]



A giant conga line formed on the Astroturf of Memorial Stadium during this year's Freshman Convocation. Except for graduation, this ceremony was the only time the entire class would gather together.

Photos by Pete MacKay.





In the 1996-1997 school year we listened to Altgeld's bells make music as David Lee Roth got back with Van Halen for a short bit. We saw the U.S. flag wave in front of the Union knowing the same flag was representing each of us in Atlanta, Georgia at the Olympics. Then we watched in horror as a bomb exploded in the center of Olympic Plaza, killing two and injuring many more. As another Illinois winter covered us in cold and snow, we watched O.J. Simpson go to court for a second time and learned of the disturbing murder of six-year-old Jon Benet Ramsey. • On campus, students voiced their views on several issues. It was an election year and students voted for state and national officials. We did our part in the presidential election by "rocking the vote" with the MTV bus, and saw President Clinton get re-elected while the Republicans remained in control of the House.

**"Pre dominant opinions are generally the opinions
of the generation that is vanishing."
-Benjamin Disraeli**

And we prayed for loved ones overseas as troops from many countries attempted to stop the senseless killing in Bosnia, where war ignited. • Unknown persons displayed their feelings toward the University's stance on racism by placing a black band with the word "ignorance" around the Alma Mater's eyes. The age old question of whether or not Chief Illiniwek was a time-honored or a racist symbol continued to spark controversy through debates and demonstrations. • For entertainment we saw The Smashing Pumpkins and Dave Mathews at our very own Assembly Hall. Nationally, Beavis and Butthead were a hit at the box office and opening night sold out at the local Savoy 14. • Besides fun, students tried to educate others by holding an alcohol vigil, the "Take Back the Night" march against sexual assault and a "Shanty Town" demonstration that showed how the homeless live. Scholastically we changed with the times. Progress brought us new, scanable i-cards, the plus and minus system and a 4.0 scale. Student tuition hikes caused financial stress on many families and the First of America Bank set up terminals in our student union, trying to make banking easier. A later start to the school year and a longer sorority rush process also caused us to adapt. Illini fans said goodbye to 1991-1996 Head Coach Lou Tepper after the Illini suffered their worst season in years, ending with a 2-9 record. Bears offensive coach Ron Turner was hired in his place. And Illini Basketball fans welcomed ex-Florida coach Lon Kruger to take over for Lou Henson. Both coaches were hired with hopes of restoring the age-old Illini winning tradition. All this and more created a unique 1996-97, and brought up new views and opinions.



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Every bookstore sells them, so who was buying? Read "The Pride you Denied" to learn more.

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Many people joined clubs or went Greek to make friends and have fun. Above: A group of girls ride in a homecoming float during the parade.

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Although the football team was less than great this year the Illini still had dedicated fans like these two young fellows. To learn the highs (and lows) of the season see page 170.



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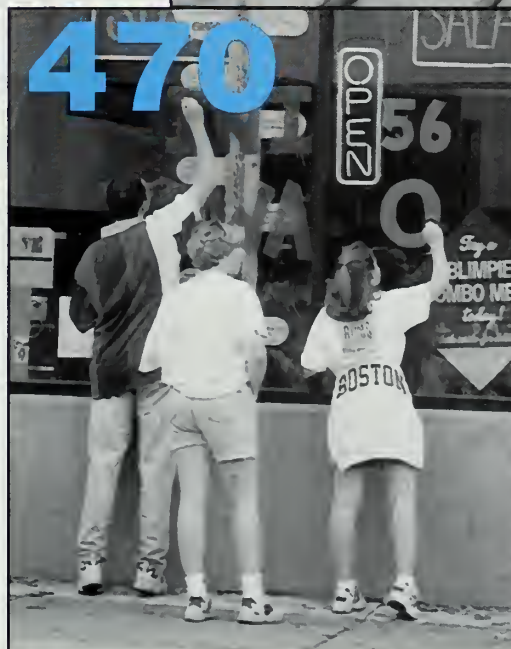
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This man
spent many
hours in
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ture lab. Flip
through the
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read more
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Pride is alive
at the U of I.
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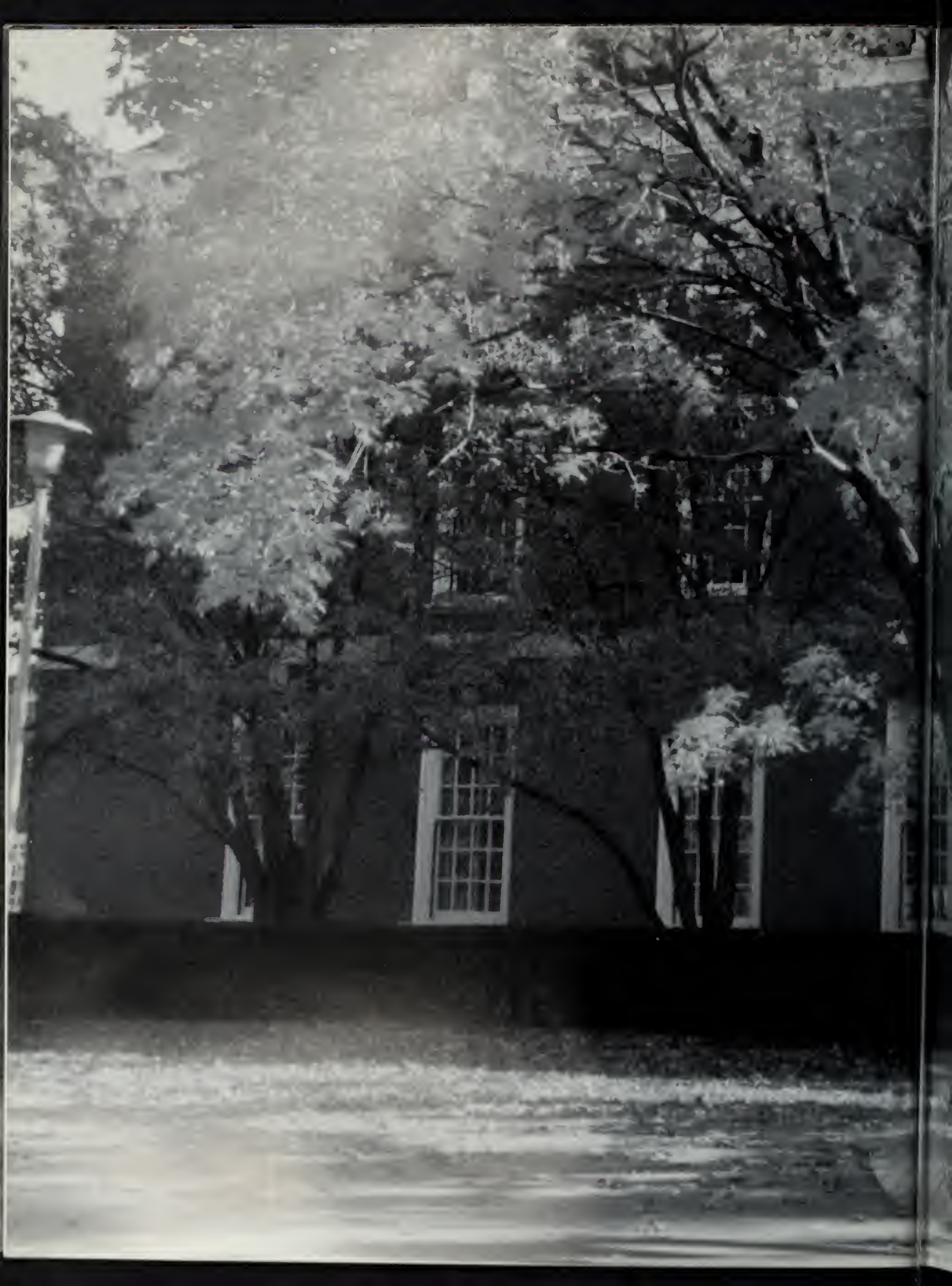
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The Union
is just one
of the
buildings on
campus that
gave us
inspiration.



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Despite new rules outlawing bicyclers on the Quad, many students still rode to class. Here a biker zooms past the Union so fast you can hardly see him. Photo by Pete MacKay.



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[student life]



Passing periods allow ten minutes to get to your next class. The walkway between Foellinger and Gregory Hall is one of the busiest areas on campus. Photos by Pete MacKay





editor mary ann luby

"Say you want a revolution, well you know we all want to change the world." When the Beatles released their "White Album" in 1968, U of I students were voicing opinions on the presidency, racism and technology. Almost twenty years later, not much has changed. Although college campuses are traditionally a place to voice your views, this school year saw more demonstrations than usual. Men and women across the country cast ballots for candidates while examining their views on the issues. University of Illinois' students took part in the elections, and

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opinions of the generation that is vanishing."**

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they voted everyday by expressing beliefs on issues from Illini pride to the bar entrance age to firing the football coach. Debates between students on affirmative action and abortion were common. *Daily Illini* columns and readers' letters gave our feelings a forum. This year, instead of Lyndon Johnson stepping down, Bill Clinton got reelected. We saw it all with MTV's "Rock the Vote" bus parked in front of the Union to assist in our voter registration drive. The sixties saw space technology while in 1996-97, Beckman's virtual reality drew acclaim and spectators. Finally, is the Chief a negative symbol that perpetuates racist stereotypes? Looking back twenty years, Martin Luther King, Jr. died in a battle to end racism, and the fight is still not over. Almost thirty years later, what will be the same and what will have changed...and whose opinions will matter?



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qually as fun as the U of I football games were the tailgate parties. Although tailgating has not been around since the first Illinois football game in 1890, it has become a tradition. "My grandparents told me about how they used to tailgate when they went to school at the U of I and they still come back for the games and the tailgate parties," said Brian Roland, senior in LAS. • Various members of the community supported the football team and enjoyed themselves prior to and after the game by participating in tailgates. Some tailgates were small gatherings of families and friends. The Planet, Illini Pride, sororities and fraternities were just a few of the organizations which tailgated outside of Memorial Stadium before every game. •

"My friends worked for StarCourse and they got tickets for the Planet's tailgate tent so we went to celebrate, eat, drink and, of course, listen to music,"

said Nikki Brennan, junior in CBA. • Champaign and

Urbana businesses

also took part

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COOKING UP SPIRIT

tailgating. "I did an internship last fall and the company had a tent near the stadium so everyone from work went and we met

other people tailgating near us," said Colleen Christopher, senior in LAS. • Other families traveled from

out of town to tailgate and attend the games. "My family

drove three hours for every home game, so I

brought my friends and they brought the food,"

said Kim Konsoer, junior in ACES. • Many

tailgaters parked their van in one of the

color-titled lots west and south of the

stadium. Tailgaters could either purchase a

parking pass that lasted throughout the football

season or pay each time they parked in the lots.

• Until this year, tailgaters also parked in

the field across from the Six Pack, which were recently turned into athletic fields. With that space

eliminated, the remaining lots were even more crowded with fans. • The lots were speckled with

our orange and blue, Indiana's red and white or Iowa's black and gold to name a few. • Illini fans

and visiting fans prepared for the game and celebrated afterwards with food, drink and music. Cars and vans were

packed with coolers, grills and fans. Tailgaters had few complaints. The biggest problems they ran into were too few outhouses and too many bees.

Tailgating was

not reserved

for University

of Illinois'

students. Fans

like Illinois resi-

dents Bob Jones

and Matt

Plessner,

graduate

in MBA, came

to hang out

and party at

Illini games.

STORY BY

VALERIE STONE

LAYOUT BY

ELENA ONTIVEROS



-Pete MacKay

**WHETHER
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OR LOST, FANS
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WITH EACH
OTHER FOR FUN
AT MEMORIAL
STADIUM.**



-Pete MacKay



-Pete MacKay

MEMBERS OF THE "SULLIVAN QUARTERBACK CLUB" STAND NEXT TO THEIR ILLINI VAN. THESE DECORATIONS WERE JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THE PRIDE FANS TOOK PART IN TO SUPPORT ILLINOIS. THIS VAN HAD BEEN TO EVERY HOME GAME SINCE 1982.

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COOK FROM "HIDEAWAY CATERING," LISA WOODCOCK, GRILLS UP A PILE OF CHICKEN FOR THE ILLINIOS POWER TENT. MANY COMPANIES FROM THE CHAMPAIGN-URBANA AREA JOINED STUDENTS NEAR THE STADIUM TO ENJOY THE FUN AND FESTIVITIES. MMM, MMM, GOOD!

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THE PRIDE YOU DENIED

hat the hell is school spirit anyway? • Many had a Block-I flag draped from their second balcony apartment in campustown. Others woke up every morning in U of I boxers and a T-shirt under an Illini blanket. Many walked to class with backpacks which had Illini patches, buttons and stickers. In those backpacks were I-Books, Illini folders, pens and notebooks. • Practically every student had at least some type of Illini apparel. Whether it was an Illini football T-shirt, a Nike Swoosh cap or an orange and blue striped polo, they had it all. "My favorite Illini item is my bright orange Rose Bowl shirt from 1983," stated Jessica Bergstrom, junior in LAS. "I bought it at a rummage sale, which is a great place to find Illini clothes at cheap prices." • Many showed their family what it was to be an Illini

when holidays came along.

Moms and dads all received

those sweatshirts which

told their friends

just where

their son or daughter went. "Everyone got Illini stuff from me," stated Robert Stringham, senior in LAS. "Illini sweatshirts and shorts were popular items for my family." •

At the games, you all knew the cheers, no matter how embarrassed you were. "The best time at the games was sitting in Block-I and doing all the stunts with my friends,"

stated Heidi Raymond, junior in ACES. "Even though we did not always

win, we showed our pride." • Many wore

orange and blue war-paint

and waved those awful

poms which were used for

years. Everyone swayed

with their friends while

they hailed to the orange

and blue, shouted "Hey!"

when the band asked

them to and raised their

hands during the Illini

war chant. And who did

not clap and cheer during

"Oskee Wow Wow?" That

was just at football. At

basketball games students

heckled other teams with bright orange bricks and

at volleyball games they pointed for Illinois. And

almost everyone hailed to the Chief. When stu-

dents yelled "Chief", they knew he was listening.

Many felt he was a time-honored tradition and not

just a mascot. Many never betrayed him, even

though some disagreed. • So when you think back on how

cheesy you were, just remember - that was what college was for.

With all of the different colored sweatshirts and t-shirts made available with an Illinois arch on the chest, one may of thought the University was run by McDonald's rather than the State.



-Pete MacKay

FROM SHOT GLASSES TO BOXERS TO SWEATSHIRTS, STUDENTS SWALLOWED THEIR DIGNITY TO DISPLAY THEIR SCHOOL SPIRIT.

**STORY BY
ADAM SLAHOR
LAYOUT BY
ELENA ONTIVEROS**



-Pete MacKay

a STUDENT SHOPS FOR AN ILLINOIS SWEATSHIRT, DECIDING WHICH OF THE COLORS AVAILABLE SHE LIKES MOST. ILLINOIS APPAREL WAS A POPULAR GIFT TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY FROM STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED THE U OF I.



-Pete MacKay



-Pete MacKay

a MONG THE MANY ITEMS AVAILABLE WHICH DISPLAYED ONE'S AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY, COMPANIES TRIED TO MAKE THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE MORE PERSONAL BY MANUFACTURING ITEMS WITH PEOPLE'S NAMES.

e VERY STUDENT ON CAMPUS WAS FAMILIAR WITH ILLINOIS GLASSWARE. WHETHER THEIR CUPBOARDS WERE FILLED WITH SHOT GLASSES, MUGS OR CUPS FROM "TIME WARP TUESDAY," STUDENTS NEVER RAN OUT OF CONTAINERS TO SERVE THOSE WEEKEND DRINKS.



It was something our campus had never seen before. As students walked in they knew they were in for a treat. It was not going to be like Kam's or Cochrane's. Brew 'N View was starting a new tradition of its own - a foam party. • Brew 'N View usually was the place students headed for beer and a movie, but Wednesday nights changed for good when drinking and dancing in foam started on September 11th. • "I'm not goin' in there," stated Andrew Krainik, senior in LAS. "I hear it's flammable and not even hypo-allergenic." • That was what many said before the foam. A pre-party, which included free drinks and free pizza, entertained students until the real fun started. Budweiser, The Octopus, The Planet and Pepsi sponsored the evening. • As "Another Night" by Real McCoy blared from the loudspeakers, suds took the place by storm. • Students waited next to a

ROAM IN THE FOAM

hose which was above the tank and screams of anxious laughter erupted. Students threw their amarettos and Miller Lites aside to take the plunge into the tank. •

"When I got in the tank, people I had never met before were throwing suds at me like we were long, lost friends," said Marc

Nestor, junior in Engineering. "They were running, dancing and having a good time. Now that's real fun." • The concept of foam and dancing was foreign to most students. But it may be a new U of I tra-

dition. At least the Brew 'N View hopes so. • "It was really, really great. I think everybody was probably more amazed than I was that it worked out," stated Brian Geiger, senior in CBA and an assistant manager at Brew 'N View.

• Brew 'N View had been a recent phenomenon on campus with its beer and movie concept, but foam parties might draw even more students than movies and beer. "It was hilarious and a great scene," said Trevor Rikken, junior in LAS. "I'll be back and so will many more students."

As "Another Night" by Real McCoy blared from the speakers, suds took the place by storm. With the lights down low and the foam up high, students said it

was hard not to have fun.



-Pete MacKay

**WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER
11TH, 1996
WAS THE FIRST
NIGHT BREW 'N
VIEW DECIDED
TO THROW A
FOAM PARTY.**

**STORY BY
ADAM SLAHOR
LAYOUT BY
PAM RILEY**



-Pete MacKay



-Pete MacKay

THE DANCE AND FOAM AREA COVERED THE ENTIRE FLOOR IN FRONT OF THE MOVIE SCREEN. A WALL FOUR-FEET HIGH HELD THE FOAM IN PLACE. THE SUDSY LIQUID SLOWLY OOZED FROM A TWO-FOOT BLACK HOSE THAT DRAINED INTO A LARGE TANK.

MARC NESTOR, JUNIOR IN ENGINEERING, TREVOR RIGGEN, JUNIOR IN LAS, AND FRED CHEY, SENIOR IN ENGINEERING, COVERED IN SOAPY FOAM, DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY AT THE OPENING OF FOAM NIGHT.

tHE EVENT ATTRACTED BOTH YOUNG AND OLD, AS PARTICIPANTS GATHERED TO CELEBRATE THE BELIEFS AND TRADITIONS UNIQUE TO THE RELIGIONS REPRESENTED. STUDENTS SEE HOW IT IS TO BE A KID AGAIN DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

kEREN YAIRI, JUNIOR IN LAS AND CHAIR OF THE JEWISH CULTURAL COMMITTEE, PREPARES TO LIGHT TWO CANDLES ON THE MENORAH AS A PART OF HANUKKAH. THERE ARE A TOTAL OF NINE CANDLES FOR THE HOLIDAY.



-Charles C



-Charles Cass

STUDENTS OF THE HILLEL CHOIR ENTERTAINED THE AUDIENCE WITH A FEW TRADITIONAL JEWISH HYMNS. THE PERFORMANCE TAUGHT THE CROWD THE HISTORY BEHIND HANUKKAH.



-Charles Cass

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ecember brought holiday cheer in the form of Santa Claus, mistletoe and for some, Christmas church services. • This scenario was far from campus during the Multicultural Holiday Week, which was held in the first week of December to celebrate other, often forgotten traditions. • The Illini Union Board, lead by Nicole Young, sophomore in CBA and chairperson of the Cross-Cultural Committee, sponsored the events. • "Our purpose for holding Multicultural Holiday Week was to educate and inform the student body about different holiday celebrations that are sometimes overshadowed by Christmas," Young said. • For the first time, the University of Illinois sponsored a Kwanza celebration. Kwanza is based on seven principles: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, economics, purpose, creativity and faith. •

As part of the

holiday season,

the Illini Union

Board sponsored

Multicultural

Holiday Week

Each principle had a corresponding colored candle which

COLORS OF THE SEASON

was lit

during the celebration. •

Although faith is one of the principles, Kwanza is a cultural celebration, not a religious event. • In addition, IUB provided African American

delicacies during the celebration. • Later in the week, traditional kosher delicacies, including jelly doughnuts, latkes,

potato pancakes and other popular treats, were served on the first night of Hanukkah. • A candle on the menorah was lighted on each of the eight days of Hanukkah. • "I am away from home, and I still want to celebrate the holiday," said Liana Katz,

freshman in LAS. "I can't light candles in my dorm."

• Jewish tradition says Hanukkah started when Jewish soldiers prevailed over pagan tyrants. Hanukkah lasts eight days because when the

Jewish soldiers entered the temple, they found only one jar of oil which lasted eight days. Normally, it would have been enough for just one

day. • Keren Yairi, Jewish Cultural Committee chairperson for the Hillel Student Board and junior in LAS, helped organize the event. • "Hanukkah is a story of courage, strength and freedom," Yairi

said. • After telling the history of Hanukkah, the Hillel choir entertained the crowd with Jewish songs. • Later that evening, the audience played the game of spinning the dreidel. • The game recalls the Hanukkah miracle through four Hebrew letters

on each side of it which read, "A great miracle happened here."

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**STORY BY
NICOLE NIEME**

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dESPITE THE WEATHER, BEEZUS GAVE A STELLAR PERFORMANCE IN FRONT OF ITS LOYAL FANS. RAIN OR SHINE, BAND JAM OFFERED THE CHANCE TO ENJOY THE MUSIC OF LOCAL BANDS FOR FREE INSTEAD OF WAITING IN LINES AND PAYING COVER CHARGES AT CAMPUSTOWN BARS.



-Charles Cass



-Charles Cass

bRANDON T. WASHINGTON AND JIM KATES OF THE LOCAL BAND SOULSTICE JAMMED TOGETHER DURING A FUNK GROOVE AT FORBES FEST. OTHER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS EGG RELAYS, TUG OF WAR, JELLO-SNARFING, A THREE-LEGGED RACE AND A WATER BALLON TOSS WERE ALSO PLANNED FOR THE DAY. BUT SINCE EVERYONE WAS HAVING SUCH A GREAT TIME LISTENING TO THE BANDS AND WATCHING THE ENTERTAINMENT, PLANNERS OF THE EVENT DECIDED AGAINST INCLUDING OTHER ACTIVITIES. THIS ALLOWED STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE MORE OF THE TALENT THE TWIN CITIES HAD TO OFFER, AND GAVE PARTICIPANTS A CHANCE TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH OTHERS.

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s the end of another year approached, so did the time for two University of Illinois traditions: Forbes Fest and Band Jam. Many students participated in the festivities, taking a break from their studies and putting their energy into having fun. • Forbes Fest not only offered a day of fun to carry school-related worries and stress away, but it was a day of hanging out with old friends as well as making new ones. • "I think people have to remember that school is not about circuit breakers and *Spin* magazine, but it's also about community," said James Lutgen, junior in Engineering. •

"So many people helped out last year with setting up and clean up. What was really great about Forbes Fest, aside from the bands, were the residents at the hall being excited and wanting to help out," said Matt McGregor, junior in

LAS. • The event was kicked off by

Bobby Alcott,
lead singer of My
Brother's Keeper,
addresses the
crowd on a rainy

afternoon at
Band Jam, which

gave
small
bands a
chance
to
perform



-Charles Cass

in front of a large
crowd.

STORY BY
LESLIE FRON
LAYOUT BY
ELENA ONTIVEROS

FESTIVALS OF FUN

local
bands Civic, Ginkjo,
Soulstice, Herring Boys, Roscoe P.
Soultrane and Free Range Chicken.

Between 300 and 500 U of I residents came for the music, entertainment and the food. Kevin "the Pretty Good" O'Neil juggled knives and flaring torches. "A bunch of RAs stood around the bottom of the showmobile with fire extinguishers just in case", said McGregor. • Another festival that U of I students enjoyed was Band Jam, sponsored by Star Course, a non-profit organization. They invited ten bands to play on the South Quad. • Based on the American pop culture

show "American Bandstand" hosted by Dick Clark, Band Jam gave bands that had not yet made it big a chance to play in front of a large audience. The ten band line-up included Suede Chain, Orange Whip,

Hand to Mouth, Castor, I-Pan, My Brother's Keeper, Prime Meridian, Sage, Roscoe P. Soultrane and Braid. Belly and REO Speedwagon were also invited but decided

against performing at the event since they would not be paid. • Forbes Fest and Band Jam were both events that offered U of I students one last chance for fun and relaxation before the end of another grueling spring semester. Each had a sense of community among old friends and new which created memories for all who participated to carry with them into the summer months.

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-Andrew Rybeck



-Pete MacI

In the name of school spirit, loyalty and pride, the U of I campus united once again for Homecoming 1996. "Past, Present, Future: United With Pride" was the Homecoming theme which characterized the excitement generated by the week-long festivities of tradition. • Students and alumni, decked in orange and blue, were charged by the excitement in the air and the pageantry of the events that made up this celebration. • The week's events culminated on the Quad with the Homecoming Parade followed by a pep rally in front of

Foellinger Auditorium in the evening. Food

The Illinettes

booths were set up along the Quad for the annual

were an integral part of conjuring up spirit at Illini home football and basketball games. Here at the Homecoming pep rally, one Illinette performs the "ILL-INI" cheer.

UNITED WITH PRIDE

"Taste of Homecoming." Food

was supplied by area vendors. • "We really got alumni, students and the community involved," said Jennifer Marble, junior in CBA. "I really felt the spirit of the Illini." • Although some

disappointment associated with the outcome of the

Homecoming game surfaced, most of the Illini needed no motivation to remain spirited and loyal to Illinois. They had reason to be proud since U of I was the first

college to celebrate Homecoming in 1910, and the first to hold a pep rally and crown the court. • Daisie Yu, senior in CBA and member of the 1996

Homecoming court said,

"Being selected for

Homecoming court was one

of the best things that

happened throughout my

four years here. When I first

came to U of I, I told my par-

ents I was going to make my

mark somehow. When I

found out I was on court,

they said I already had." •

This year SAA also

encouraged more Greek

houses to decorate in the

spirit of U of I's

Homecoming. Banners and

painted pictures adorned

store windows throughout

campus. • Although

Homecoming has undergone

many changes since its development at the

University of Illinois it remains the school's most

time-honored tradition. • "Even in the face of adver-

sity with the football team's losing streak, Illinois continues to show great pageantry

and respect for the game. And there's always a warm atmosphere for students and

alumni alike to come together," said Ann Pedersen, senior in LAS, after celebrating

her last Homecoming as a student at the U of I.

STUDENTS AND ALUMNI CAME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE A TRADITION IN FOOTBALL, LOYALTY AND FAITH IN ILLINOIS.



-Pete MacKay

STORY BY
SHEOWTING LU

LAYOUT BY
ELENA ONTIVEROS

kING DAD STANDS IN FRONT OF HIS NEW SUBJECTS AT THE ILLINI UNION AFTER BEING CROWNED. NOT ONLY DID HE RECEIVE THE HONOR OF BEING KING OVER 35,000 OTHER DADS, HE ALSO RECEIVED SOME PRETTY COOL PRIZES.



-Pete Mackay

bEFORE HE BECAME THE VICTOR, RICHARD KRAJECKI AND HIS DAUGHTER, LAURIE, STOOD AMONG THE OTHER NOMINEES AND NOMINATORS ANTICIPATING THE MOMENT OF TRUTH. ONCE THE KING WAS ANNOUNCED, HE WAS CROWNED WITH A ROYAL BLUE AND GOLD CROWN AND FITTED WITH A ROYAL BLUE CAPE FASHIONED OUT OF VELVET-- NOTHING BUT THE BEST FOR GOOD OL' DAD!



-Pete Mackay



once again, U of I students showed their daddies just how much they really do care. November 8th through the 10th marked the annual Dad's Day weekend in campustown. Near or far, dads from all over the nation took planes, trains and automobiles to see the sights at one of the proudest Big Ten schools. • Richard Krajecki, father of Laurie Krajecki, junior in LAS, was crowned the 1996 King Dad during a banquet held in his honor at the Illini Union. He made his grand appearance during half-time of the Dad's Day game against Ohio State. Students submitted essays about the wonderful qualities their dads possessed in order to be considered a candidate for King Dad. Judging was done based on these essays by the Illini Union Board. • But

**As part of the
homage to their
fathers, students
could nominate
them to be King
Dad. King Dad for**

there was more to the weekend than the crowning of just one King Dad - all U of I pops were kings to their kids here

DADDY DEAREST

**1996-97 was
Richard Krajecki,
nominated
by his daughter,**

was more than a barrel of beer and laughs at R and R's or the Clybourne. This weekend was also the stepping stone between being a son or daughter to being an

**Laurie
Krajecki,
junior in
LAS.**



-Pete Mackay

**STORY BY
KRISTINA CASTILLO
LAYOUT BY
ELENA ONTIVEROS**

adult in the eyes of dear ol' dad. • "Being a senior, I can finally see the importance of a newly formed adult relationship I have with my dad. I am going to graduate and I expect to be respected as a professional in my field. Part of our new relationship is based on that. As I was growing up I respected my dad not only because he was a cool guy, but also because he dedicated his life to being a great father, husband and worker," said Scott Murray, senior in LAS. • No matter how old we get, we will always love our dads. This weekend was the fun time away from the hustle and commotion at home, away from shopping with Mom and the nagging of little brothers and sisters - we were just hanging with the old man. • "I think this past Dad's Day weekend ranks in my all-time top ten college weekends over my years at the U of I. It's great when you and your buddies can hang out with your dads the same way we do when we have 'guy weekends'," said Chris Dorgan, senior in LAS.

at the University. • "I took my dad to the game, and then to a bar for Happy Hour. It was packed everywhere, but it set the stage for a great time. Real male bonding - 1,000 guys and their dads standing around with beers in their hands talking about sports,"

said Jeff Wojciechowicz, senior in LAS. • Hanging out with Dad

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SOME SONS WANT MOM TO COME AND HANG OUT JUST AS MUCH AS DAUGHTERS DO. THIS STUDENT HANGS OUT WITH MOM AS SHE REACHES FOR A FLOWER.



-Paul Grano



-Paul Grano

JEN COUTANT, SENIOR IN ALS, AND HER MOTHER PERUSE THE FLOWERS AT THE FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW. THE SHOW WAS ONE OF MANY EVENTS SPONSORED BY A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT GROUPS FOR MOM'S WEEKEND. OTHERS WENT TO SEE THE CRAFT SHOW HELD IN THE ILLINI UNION, OR JUST SPENT THE WEEKEND SHOPPING, HANGING OUT OR GOING TO THE BARS WITH MOM.

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he best thing about Mom's weekend was hanging out with my mom at C.O. 's and watching her match me beer for beer. We went to afterhours at the frat who participated in Atius-Sachem with my sorority. I was completely incoherent and she was out on the dance floor doing the electric slide," said Daniella Santoro, senior in Education. "I know I will always look back on my four years at U of I and remember how great it was to live a small but important part of my party life with the coolest woman alive." • Whether you partied it up at C.O.'s or hung out at the craft fair, one thing was certain - we showed our moms what it takes to hang in

Chambana. We learned as freshmen our wardrobes doubled in U of I apparel, we ate like kings and queens, and Mom left us with an amount of cash to pay bar covers for the next five weeks.

Of course, there was pain and suffering on our part - the University sponsored many annual events. All were

big mom favorites.

One of the most popular events of Mom's weekend is the annual Flower and Garden Show.

MY MOM IS COOL

• "My daughter took me to White Horse Inn for nachos, and then to Atius-Sachem. It was such a fun night. I enjoyed seeing my daughter whiz her way around campustown - it makes me wish I would have gotten away from my home city when I was

younger and spent more time perfecting independence away from home," said Patsy Krencel, U of I mom participating in her fourth Mom's Day weekend. "And I have to admit I do indulge myself when I am here - I bought two new T-shirts and a sweatshirt in addition to all the dinners out and coffees at Espresso." • There was one complaint, however, from moms about campus festivities - no football. "Just because we are women does not mean we all like

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flowers and crafts. I would rather have a beer and hang out with my child, following her routine. The dads have all the fun - tailgating, barbequing, cheering as we sack

a quarterback. If there was one thing I tried to instill in my child it was not to stereotype, and that's what was going on. Tradition is one thing, but a university this big should have the resources to do things moms want," Terri Santoro said, mother of Daniella Santoro. • According to Jennie Botica, senior in Education, "Mom's Day weekend was a special time to spend with mom, even if there was no football game. Mom was always

there when I stressed out during the year, so she deserved a fun weekend - dinner, movies, bars, coffee houses, shopping - the works!"



-Paul Grano

The Flower and Garden show is organized by the

Horticulture Club and held in the Stock Pavilion.

**STORY BY KRISTINA CASTILLO
LAYOUT BY PAM RILEY**

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s alarm clocks rang at 7 a.m. in dorms across campus, students were not waking up for their 8 a.m. chem lab or to cram for that math quiz that they were too tired to study for the night before. Instead, I-Guides everywhere got ready to help underclassmen all across campus move into their residence halls. • As Kathy Stachniw looked out her dorm room window at 7:30, she saw cars lined up and students anxiously awaiting her help with their televisions, stereos, microwaves, comforters, posters and piles of clothes. It was time for I-Guides to get their carts revved up for the long day. "It's fun to meet all of the students and

to give freshmen a good impression of the U of I," said Stachniw, sophomore in CBA. "One girl's father asked to buy me a beer after my long day. That's common but a definite no-no!" • As always, the purpose of I-Guides was to make move-in day a bit less stressful. "They were really helpful. I really didn't feel like carrying everything up flights and flights of stairs," said Allison Gordon,

LET'S MOVE IT!

freshman in ACES.

"Moving in went so much quicker than I had anticipated."

• I-Guides did more than move students in this year. They also organized two new programs: a 5K run and Illinois After Dark. The 5K run was on

September 1st. Between 300 and 400 participants ran the race which started in the Assembly Hall parking lot. Illinois After Dark was sponsored by

IUB, Papa John's,

Garcia's and Zorba's.

Hundreds of students attended the festival in

the fields west of

Memorial Stadium

where The Drovers,

Roscoe P. Soultrane

and Prime Meridian

were the featured

bands. • "With a

change in the calendar

and an entire weekend

to entertain students,

we wanted to come up

with an alternative to

the bar scene," stated

Chris Nelson, senior in LAS. • When the sun

went down and the events of move-in day were

over, I-Guides everywhere folded their bright

orange t-shirts, changed into their pajamas, and went to

bed knowing that because of their efforts, dorm residents

could sleep a little easier.

During a quiet

moment, some

I-Guides stop to

rest and eat. It

may seem like

they only sign up

for the bright

orange t-shirts and

water bottles, but

I-Guides

are there

because

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-Maryam Toghraee

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tWO I-GUIDES DISCUSS THEIR STRATEGY IN THE FOYER OF ALLEN HALL. ALTHOUGH ELEVATORS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THEIR USE, I-GUIDES SOMETIMES HAD TO SPEND HOURS IN LINE.

aN I-GUIDE HELPS A DRIVER BACK INTO THE DRIVEWAY OF ALLEN HALL. SINCE MANY NEW STUDENTS ARRIVED AROUND THE SAME TIME, PARKING SPACES WERE AT A PREMIUM.



No wonder it is one of the Seven Wonders of the World! A panorama of the Grand Canyon shows its splendor.



Above: The majestic lion watches over the Las Vegas desert. Right: A wax Nixon gives his two-fingered victory sign to museum visitors.



VACATIONS



Many people visit the Capitol, the headquarters of our government.



Three students admire the breathtaking view in Nevada.



Ruins, a popular attraction, are scattered across the Mexican desert.

Illinois: scorching in summer, frigid in winter. With such a variety in climate, why would anyone want to leave? For whatever reason, students cited weather as the main criteria they used to decide where to vacation. Some of the top locations for students included Cancun, South Padre Island and Florida. "I love coming back with the proof: a nice, dark tan," said Cecile Capadocia, sophomore in LAS.

No matter where they went, vacationers said money was the biggest issue, affecting every aspect of the trip. "Everything revolves around money," said Jini Park, senior in LAS.

Money determined the location for most students since the warmer locations were further away, thus elevating transportation costs. "We tried to keep costs down by looking at all of our options carefully before deciding," said Angela Hyun, senior in LAS, who travelled to Los Angeles during her spring break.

Road trips were an option for many students because they were easier. "They take less planning than regular vacations," said Leslie Nakamura, senior in LAS, "and they are cheaper." The actual driving was a source of ambivalence. "Taking your own car is cheaper, but driving is horrible," said Park. Capadocia disagreed. "Driving is an adventure," she said of her 13-hour trip to Panama City Beach, Florida, with two friends.

With three different breaks to choose from - winter, spring and summer - each of varying lengths and climates, students had many options for trips. In the dead of winter, many students chose to stay in the cold, even going further north, to seek the slopes. "We just wanted to do something to get out of the house," said Hyun, "and skiing is fun; everyone can do it."

When asked why he chose skiing over the tropics for his winter break, Thomas Rhee, senior in LAS, said, "I would rather go golfing, but I wanted to be with my friends." Perhaps his preference for golf was reinforced after twelve hours in the car on what is usually a six-hour drive, due to a huge snowstorm.

Whatever the destination or mode of transportation, all students agreed they will be looking forward to their next chance to get away.



HOW HOT'S YOUR SALSA?

**STUDENTS
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THROUGH
EXOTIC MUSIC
AND DANCE
AROUND THE
UNIVERSITY
CAMPUS.**

In night clubs from London to Tokyo, soap operas in Brazil and aerobics classes in the U.S., salsa dancing was practically everywhere. Champaign-Urbana was no exception. • Salsa's sexy swing of the hips, backed by a fiery Latin rhythm, was the newest trend invading the campus scene. Even student night life staples like the Blind Pig and Gypsy succumbed to its slinky moves by including entire nights of the music and dance to their weekly rosters. • The salsa scene was multicultural, included equal numbers of men and women of all ages, and had an uncommon effect on those who have experienced its charms. "Salsa is a very sensuous rhythm dance where what you do with your feet is of secondary importance to what you do with your body," said Dancing Illini president Mark Balzer. • Salsa's loyal followers viewed the dance as a form of communication. Salsa was a partner dance, but bringing your

partner was never required. "This [salsa] is a good way of expressing yourself," said Mark Johnson, junior in FAA

and dance instructor for the Champaign Park District. •

Salsa's main ingredient, the Mambo, got its start in Cuba where a large U.S.

presence created a mix of American jazz and

Afro-Cuban rhythms. Since then, the Mambo has borrowed a few steps from other dances and has successfully remarketed itself as the Salsa on the East and West Coasts. • The dance was difficult to master and people were not likely to learn it on their

own. However, it only took a few hours to learn enough salsa to get on the dance floor and have fun.

On campus, the Dancing Illini offered a class in salsa during the fall semester. Elsewhere in Champaign, the

Regent Ballroom, the McKinley Foundation, and the Champaign Park District all offered salsa classes. • "I go to watch everybody dance," said Tara Ryniec, junior in FAA. "It's really interesting and it's a really cool atmosphere." • A sophisticated salsa dance was an exciting change of pace for those tired of the campus bar scene. And even if you could not keep all the steps straight, at least you were not alone. After all says Balzer, "Where else can you walk into a room and have another person in your arms within 15 minutes?"

Two couples

enjoy a night of

salsa at a local

bar. When it

emerged in

C-U, local

businesses like

Gypsy and the

Blind

Pig

began

to draw

in the

crowds.



-Charles Cass

STORY BY

KATHERINE

GUINNANE

LAYOUT BY

ELENA ONTIVEROS



-Charles Cass

a COUPLE SYNCHRONIZES THEIR MOVES TO ENJOY A NIGHT OF SALSA. FOR TWO AND A HALF HOURS EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT, LAND OF MEXICO MIXED SALSA AND LATINO MUSIC TO PROVIDE A UNIQUE DANCING ATMOSPHERE.



-Charles Cass

mARK JOHNSON AND ECE KARATAN MOVE TO THE MUSIC AT THE BLIND PIG. NOT EVERYONE CAN SALSA WITH SUCH GRACE. SINCE THERE ARE NO STRICT RULES OR BASIC STEPS TO FOLLOW, THE DANCE WAS DIFFICULT FOR MANY BEGINNERS TO LEARN.

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-Roderick Veal

INSTEAD OF HANGING
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EARLIER THEY EXERCISED THEIR
FUNNY BONE AT THE COMEDY SHOW.
MANY STUDENTS ENJOYED WORKING
OUT THEIR BODIES AT THE
POST-COMEDY JAM HOMECOMING
DANCE.



-Roderick Veal

The University of Illinois was the first campus to ever celebrate Homecoming as an annual event. Now a new tradition has emerged on our campus: African-American Homecoming. • For the past few years, the Illini Union Board has hosted African-American Homecoming. • "It's a joint program: a comedy show at five and a dance at eight. This year the event was sold-out days in advance," said Stephanie Lewis, senior in Communications. • This year's theme was 'Purple Haze,' named after a Jimi Hendrix song. "It can mean a lot of things to people depending on who they are," said Landrea Seals, senior in ALS. • Many thought the title meant the dance was to demonstrate a calm state of mind. They took it as a time for students to put aside their scholastic worries and have fun. • Those who attended came from near and far, some were decked out while others dressed casually, and people represented all different backgrounds. • One misconception of African-American Homecoming is that it

After an evening of laughter, students gathered at the Illini Union for a night of dancing.

SEE THE PURPLE HAZE?

The music was provided by a DJ

who worked hard to ensure that the fun lasted all night long.



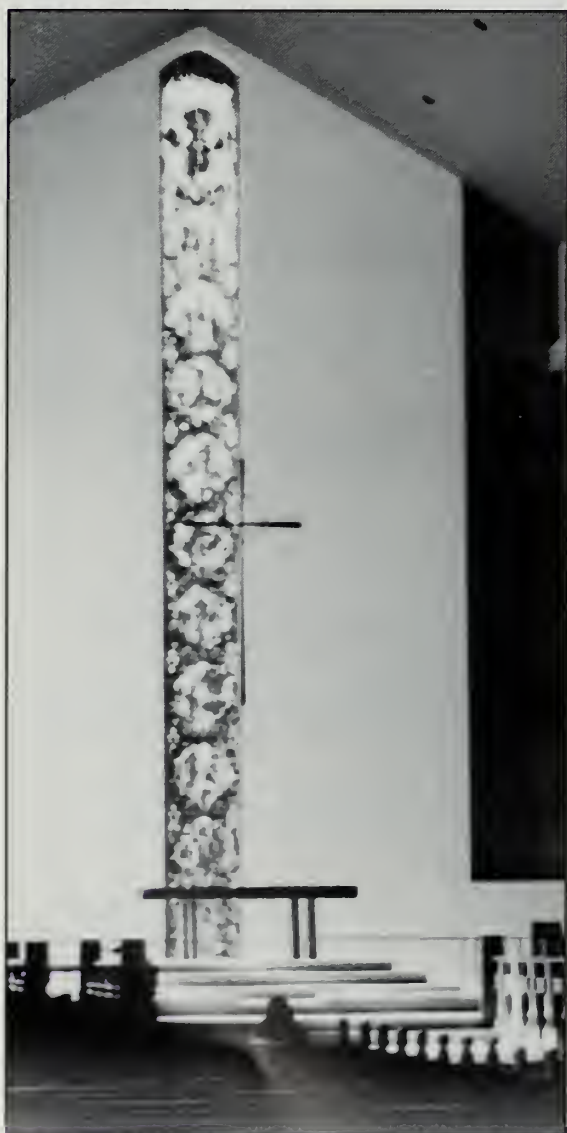
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**STORY BY
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LAYOUT BY
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only open to African-American students. This is incorrect according to those who organized the event. "It's a great tradition. People from different schools and alumni come back and have a chance to get dressed up and have a good time," said Lewis. "It's not limited to African-Americans. It's open to the entire campus." • Many also believed Homecoming festivities are targeted toward the caucasian community and this merits separate Homecoming events for other campus communities. • For most of those who attended festivities, the highlight of the evening was the comedy show. There were two small acts and one mainstream act which performed. The crowd favorite was Chocolate, the first female act ever to perform during Homecoming week. Kenny Howell was the headline act while B*Cole also performed. • The aim of 'Purple Haze' was to provide an environment where everyone could come together. The goal was to provide a social atmosphere where students had the chance to see people who they had not seen all year and alumni of the U of I. It was also the best opportunity of the year for the African-American community to come together as one. • Those who organized it were pleased with the outcome. • "I enjoyed organizing the event and having it come out in a positive way for African-Americans," said Lewis. "It's a joy to help both students and administration to have fun." • Many are already looking forward to making next year's African-American Homecoming even better.

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 MASS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.



-Pete MacKay



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WISHING TO REMAIN UNNAMED, THIS STUDENT, DURING A
 TIME OF CRISIS, SOUGHT THE COMFORT OF WESLEY
 METHODIST CHURCH ON THE CORNER OF GREEN AND
 MATTHEWS IN URBANA. MANY STUDENTS FOUND SOLACE IN
 PRAYING WHEN THEY HAD PROBLEMS DURING THEIR COLLEGE YEARS.
 AND NO MATTER WHAT RELIGION STUDENTS BELIEVED IN, THERE WAS
 ALWAYS A PLACE ON CAMPUS FOR THEM TO REFLECT.

When things got tough during the school year, students dealt with their problems in different ways. Some turned to friends while others turned to religious faith. • A number of students on campus said religion is or has been an important part of their lives. Many turned to religion for hope, a sense of security or answers to questions about their existence. • According to senior in Education Hi Jung Hwang, her relationship with God gave her hope and a sense of purpose for her actions in life. • "When I was a non-Christian, I didn't have a sense of direction. Now, there is a purpose behind everything I do," Hwang said. • According to Laura Bernhardt, a teaching assistant for Philosophy 110, World Religions, many people in college are either searching for direction or reaffirming beliefs. • "We teach the course on the assumption students will come in with some convictions. We understand this is just a broad outline of the different religions. Basically, we give them something to work with,"

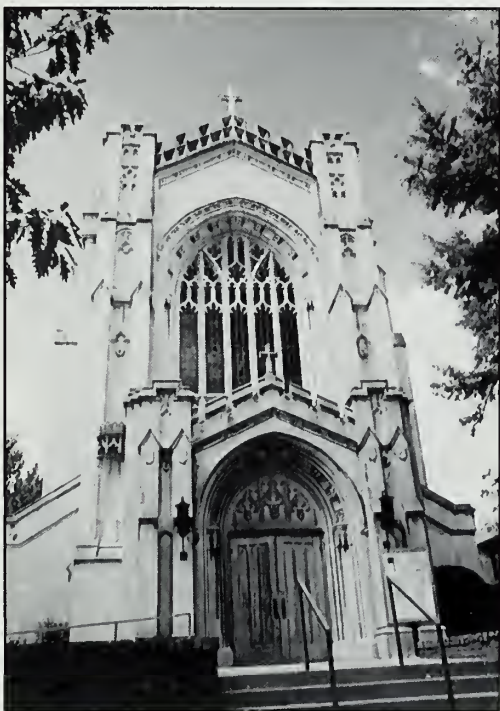
YOU GOTTA HAVE FAITH

**St. John's Episcopal
Church on Armory
and Wright Street**

enrolled in religious studies courses or attended services or discussions on campus simply to quench their thirst for knowledge. Nevertheless, a large number of students have strong attachments to their faith. • According to 1996 LAS graduate

Cortney Mulcahy, her family's identification with Catholicism influenced her personal beliefs in life. • "I was brought up going to church, but in the beginning that was not my decision. I think when I started going to St. John's down here was when I felt like it was my own experience," Mulcahy said. "It's given me a sense of hope. It also helps me deal with the times I feel most stressed out or down. That's when I feel most connected to God." • The University's nondiscrimination statement encouraged fair opportunity

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COLLEGE
YEARS.**



-Pete MacKay

and diversity in all forms. Although personal interests sometimes clashed, students had the right to choose their beliefs. • To Yahara Chavez, junior in LAS, religion gave her a sense of home and took away the solitude. "Religion gives me companionship, strength and determination to keep going", Chavez said. "These are things you kind of have to have when you're down here."

**STORY BY
SHEOWTING LU
LAYOUT BY
PAM RILEY**

Periscope was not your typical music store, nor were the bands it invited to play at Ernie's Club Twang, which was an innovative effort to display underground bands to spectators for free. • "Ernie's Club Twang basically says you can see a band that may be good or may be bad, but it let's you decide," stated Cody Sokolski, owner of Periscope. "What do you have to lose? It's free." • Periscope attempted to be different, one of a kind. Ernie's Club Twang was one of the ways it differed from other music outlets in Champaign-Urbana. Not only did it play underground music, but it also sold vintage clothing, T-shirts, incense and posters from various bands. • "They [the bands] are synergistic. I'd like to think everything I do is actualistic, with a purpose of hope and meaning. I find phrases like 'finding limits,' 'superstars' and 'product' pretty heinous," stated Sokoloski. "I am trying to throw Ernie's Club Twang to hit against the tide." • Bluegrass, folk, punk rock and Americana were just a few styles of music showcased at

PLAY THAT TWANG

the music of Dave Mathews, Oasis and Alanis. It sold mainstream CDs, but it did not hold them in excess. • Periscope wanted to attract students interested in understanding music instead of just listening to what everyone else did. Many U of I students frequented Best Buy and Musicland, and purchased mainstream CDs which they could have easily listened to on the radio. Periscope encouraged people to purchase a CD that would not be heard on the radio, but may stimulate a listener's ears. •

**WHO WANTED
MAINSTREAM
WHEN A
WORLD OF
TUNES WAS
WAITING FOR
YOU AT
PERISCOPE?**

Ernie's Club Twang let people see up and coming bands. It was advertised on The Web 93.5 FM and through *The Octopus*. It also kept close relations with off-campus bars like The Blind Pig and C-Street. • "It's got enough of a reputation for people to call and actually ask who is playing," stated Simone Sidwell, a clerk at Periscope.

"Sometimes people now just stop in to shop and stay to listen to the band." • Many of the bands which performed at Ernie's Club Twang have hit it big on major record labels. Who knows which band will be next to make it? Usually students did not want to admit they listened to the same songs as everyone else, but Ernie's Club Twang may have been the best thing for those who needed a change.



**Jody Lawrence
of Smackeral
sings about her
best friends,
growing up, and
blowing up strip
clubs. Periscope
records, home of
Ernie's Club**

**Twang,
offered free
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to anyone
who wanted
to listen.**

**STORY BY
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b RANDAN T. WASHINGTON LEADS SOULSTICE IN AN ACCOUSTIC JAM AT ERNIE'S CLUB TWANG. SOULSTICE HAD PLAYED VIRTUALLY EVERYWHERE IN CHAMPAIGN AND URBANA, AND WAS A LOCAL FAVORITE AMONG MANY UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS STUDENTS.

O NE STUDENT BROWSES THE WEB 93.5 FM DISPLAY AT PERISCOPE. PERISCOPE OFFERD ONE OF THE LARGEST SELECTIONS OF CD'S, RECORDS, AND MUSIC MEMORABILIA ON CAMPUS. THEY ALSO ADDED A VINTAGE CLOTHING SECTION TO THE STORE THIS YEAR.

Is it time to take a

Pit Stop

As usual, the Quad was one of the most popular places on campus this year. People played Frisbee, hacky sacked or just hung out with a good book. ■ But unlike your favorite beach, park or pool, the Quad lacked the convenience of public restrooms. So where did students and other Quad groupies go to take a leak? ■ Ed Nystrom, junior in Engineering, said he went to the Union. ■ "It's air conditioned, and it's usually pretty clean," he said. ■ Dave Ryan, junior in ACES, also picked the Union as his preferred place to pee. ■ "If you go to any other building, you don't exactly know where the restroom is," he said. "In the Union it's right there." ■ Here now are the best and worst places you relieved your own bladder while you scampered about the Quad.

The bathroom in the southeast corner of the Union's basement has five stalls with four missing doors. The lack of visual privacy does not mean a lack of audio privacy. The bowling alley next door muffles the sound of your tinkle.



Gregory Hall: (men) Probably the most exciting feature of this restroom was that on a 90-degree day, thanks to the air-conditioning, it kept itself rather chilly. Also the option of either towels or an air dryer existed for your convenience. On the down side, the stalls were covered in racist graffiti. Still, it was a clean place located on the west end of the first floor. (women) This place was not so bad. The entry room had a great deal of space. There were two large mirrors with ledges beneath them for your belongings. There were plenty of stalls for the in-between-class rush. Unfortunately there were only two sinks and there was no in-stall disposal system.

Altgeld Hall: (men) This haven for math students and postal workers had a wonderfully exposing men's room on the third floor. It had two large windows through which a clear view of any man using the urinal could be seen. This luxury should have appealed to any exhibitionists who felt nature's calling on the Quad. The restroom also had two private stalls and no odor. It was a hike up the stairs but it was airy. You needed to bring something to read because it was graffiti-free. (women) If you were not familiar with this building, the bathroom was nearly as difficult to find as any other room. The wooden doors on the stalls provided the perfect surface for strong racial and sexual graffiti. The choices are slim for feminine needs -- only Sani-bags were available.

English Building: (men) Despite no graffiti in the form of Yeats or Shakespeare, this men's room emanated a literary feel. It won the award for looking most like a gas station restroom. Despite these inconveniences, this restroom was pretty clean and conveniently located on the first floor. (women) The women's lounge in room 101 of the English Building was full of contradiction. The first room had two couches, two chairs, a table, two huge mirrors, and plentiful coat hangers, great for anyone who spent a lot of time there. The room that was used the most, however, was not so liveable. The first two stalls were bearable, yet small. And the third stall had a shower curtain in place of a door. It could be used as the setting for a whole new *Psycho* movie.

Undergrad Library: (men) This was without a doubt the last place I would go to use the men's room. Not only did the "patron" walk by the horrible smell from the vending tunnel, but this restroom managed to stay hot even when the building was air conditioned. The place always smelled really bad, and when I took a piss there, I was glad I am a man, and did not have to sit. Still the best graffiti could be found here. So if you could brave the rest of the restroom, you would find numbers for the best fellatio by both men and women and details on how to be a good patriot. (women) If you made it past the intense smell of stale Cheetos emanating from the tunnel, more power to you.

The Union: (men) This building had the most eclectic bunch of men's rooms on the campus. Each floor had at least two men's rooms. On the first floor, the men's room on the west side by the Courtyard Cafe was clean, featuring spotless sinks. The room had a convenient location close to the Quad Shop and the computer lab. I am not going to talk about the third and fourth floor restrooms, because nobody walked up three floors to use a john, no matter how nice it was. But the second floor restroom on the south side of the Union was worth the stair climbing. The place could be rented out as an efficiency. It had a beautiful blend of artificial and natural light. It was ultra-clean and used gray to supreme artistic design. I felt like I was pissing in a palace. Restroom bonus: the mirrors tilted down to give you an up-close look at your lovely face. (women) What can I say? The bathrooms at the Union were the Cadillac of all public restrooms. The entryway had an "Alice in Wonderland" feel with awkward lighting and two doors to choose from. There was even a baby changing table. There were plenty of stalls and plenty of room between the stalls and numerous sinks. A variety of feminine products made this bathroom one of my favorites. The women's lounge was clean. No offensive odor was present, and it had one of my favorite features, a tiny garbage can in each stall. This place was definitely worth a stop.

Do not be frightened. The bathrooms at U of I are a place of unique architecture and amazement, like this funky urinal.



Lincoln Hall:

(men) On the first floor of Lincoln was a men's restroom located in room 101.

Here, by some public restroom miracle, the exact odor of the Lincoln Park Zoo gorilla house had been perfectly duplicated. The odd part was the room always looked clean. However, the last time I was there, none of the toilets had been flushed for a while.

(women) Totally unbearable. It was smelly, there was no room to move around, and no feminine disposal system. The only good thing about this place was the large mirror located on the right side of the theater entrance.

The sweet smell of incense tickled your nose while a soft, relaxing melody filled the air. There were rows of candles, jewelry and smoking accessories lining the walls. No, the Grateful Dead had not come to the University of Illinois - it was Bogart's Casablanca at 502 E. John in Champaign. Bogart's is a store that sold what students could not find elsewhere in central Illinois. • "It is the only store of its kind," said Wendy Lawler, junior in LAS and a salesperson at Bogart's. "Some people from Eastern come to shop here. It is amazing how many people have heard of it." According to Lawler, their biggest selling items were smoking accessories.

A close second is jewelry for body piercing. • "I am always surprised at how many people come in here to get body piercing. There are like ten a day," said Lawler. Bogart's had a definite appeal for students. "It is a store for our generation. It has really unique things, kind of like a mini-Dead show," said Kim Matousek, junior in LAS. But it was not only the inventory that attracted patrons. • "It is not like at the mall where you

have all of the bright lights

beating down on you,"

said Allison Stuart,

WHAT 'CHA SMOKING?

sophomore in LAS. "It has a much more relaxed atmosphere."

• Employees also appreciated the laid-back style of the store. "I love working here because of the atmosphere and also because I get to work with other students, not just as co-workers but also as clients," said Lawler. "I felt like I could be myself and I did not have to act." • With the wide

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variety of inventory, walking into the store could be a little overwhelming. "When people first walk in a lot of times their reaction is, 'Oh my God!' It is a lot to take in in one day," said Lawler. "I shopped here for a while before I started to work here, and I would still say that nine-tenths of the time when I work I am still shopping for myself." • Shopping on campus can be slim pickings. There were the stores with the array of orange and blue apparel, book stores, and a variety of restaurants. But tucked away in the top of Johnstowne Center there was Bogart's, where students from all around could find things that never would have turned up at any mall in central Illinois.



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**STORY BY
MARY ANN LUBY
LAYOUT BY
ELENA ONTIVEROS**



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tORI TEGELER WORKS BEHIND THE COUNTER AT BOGART'S CASABLANCA. THE STORE SELLS MANY TYPES OF CLOTHING, FROM T-SHIRTS TO JEANS TO VARIOUS STYLES OF DRESSES.



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tASHA COHEN WINDOW SHOPS OUTSIDE OF BOGART'S, AND GETS A SNEAK-PEEK OF THE GOODIES INSIDE. BESIDES THE CANDLES IN THE WINDOW, BOGART'S ALSO SELLS REALLY BIG BONGS.

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ou think you got away with it. You walked toward your car happily thinking of future plans you had to meet a pal. You saw a small white envelope and prayed someone left a note on your car. Nope. Not so lucky. You got the ticket for not paying the meter or parking in a posted rented lot, and (bonus) for not registering your car with the University. That bites. • "I started my senior year encumbered because I had \$420 in overdue parking tickets from the year before. I needed to park by the Architecture Building which was always checked by those people in the crappy shoe boxes they call cars. It was such a pain to find one of those little red boxes. I usually had to double park by one when I actually remembered to pay a ticket and not throw it in my back seat," said Kelly Brown, senior in FAA. • Finding parking became more of a hassle after you got your first ticket because a feeling of paranoia began to overcome you. Soon this paranoia became nonchalance, at least after your fifth ticket or so, just like everything else at the U of I. • "The University already got so much money from me for all

TICKETS RUIN LIVES

get my car registered? I know it helps me if my car got stolen, but it's not like I drive a Mercedes," said Joe Robeen, senior in LAS. • As if it is not bad enough, the

of the other little things that are considered fees. As if buying gas isn't enough, now I have to worry about those \$15 tickets too. Shouldn't it be my choice if I want

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University police are now ticketing bikes. Now you cannot ride on the Quad while class is in session. "The bike rules are crazy. I didn't bring a car because of the hassles, I bought a mountain bike," said Angel Lopez, senior in LAS. "And you can get a ticket now? That sucks." • Here are some parking tips: (1) If it's a football weekend, don't even think of parking anywhere. It is crazy. Every spot between Lincoln and Locust is taken, even restricted towing areas. Those alums with bright orange vans never got towed, but your little brown Volvo did. (2) Do not park by the library, the Quad or other "busy" campus buildings if you do not pay meters. They get checked more often than others. (3) The best places to park are non-metered streets either east of Lincoln or west of Fourth street. (4) The best tip of all: get roller blades, a good pair of walking shoes, and never, ever forget about the Best Little Transit System - the MTD.



-Carla Schoeplie

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SEEMS LIKE SOMEBODY FORGOT TO FEED THEIR METER! SHAWN ZIMMER PUTS A TICKET ON AN UNFORTUNATE VEHICLE DURING HER ROUNDS. PARKING SUPERVISORS TRIED TO ROTATE THEIR SCHEDULES TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO AVOID TICKETS.



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CARS ARE NOT THE ONLY TYPES OF TRANSPORTATION ON CAMPUS SUBJECT TO TICKETING. A BICYCLE REGISTERED WITH THE UNIVERSITY IS SUBJECT TO A TEN DOLLAR FINE IF NOT PARKED PROPERLY. BIKES ON THE QUAD WERE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL STARTING IN 1996.



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College was where **we learned who we truly were** and tried to evolve from what we once were. Life opened a little more of herself to us, **challenged** the beliefs of our childhood and expanded the experiences of our youth. Among these experiences, we encountered **issues** which were trivial in high school and which seemed to affect no one but ourselves. It was through these issues that we learned how our actions affected the **opinions** of others and how they **determined who we became.**

SPECIAL ISSUES STORY BY KRISTINA CASTILLO & ELENA ONTIVEROS

If relationships are based on commitment, passion and intimacy and love conquers all, where does race factor in?

The fact that people dated others of different races caused some to cringe and others to wonder what psychological trauma they had suffered. Even in 1997, interracial relationships were still a head-turning phenomenon. People reacted with some degree of shock and surprise when people of different races became romantically involved.

Choosing to love someone did not mean an individual was less proud of who he/she was, but that he/she wanted to share what was special about him/her with someone else. On campus, ethnic groups worked to create ties within their own groups to empower themselves. What many failed to see was that racial lines could be crossed without sacrificing empowerment. The people who did not believe this were those who shook their heads as they passed by interracial couples.

Chris Yu, senior in Communications, had dated outside of his race but stated that he preferred dating someone of his own race. "We share similar cultural backgrounds and values," he said.

Why did some people take something so innocent, positive and just plain fun, as dating can be, and turn it into something that meant they had no self-respect and self-worth? Some people believed that others should choose their partners based on who they were, not what they were. Every human being has the right to love and be loved. To say that one race cannot or should not have that privilege is an act of dehumanization.

"I don't look at people in colors, people are people - it doesn't matter what color your skin is," said Jamie Kurth, senior in Communications. "It's hard enough finding someone who you enjoy spending time with, and then there is this extra pressure. Race should not play a part in relationship decisions."

Family pressures came into play for many people who decided to date outside their race. For many people, parents especially represented the traditional way of doing things, and this was often the biggest stumbling block for many people. Some shared the views of their parents and ultimately broke up with their partner, while others disobeyed their parents' wishes and continued to date whomever they pleased. Those that chose rebellion over the old way opted to either let their parents know openly or dated behind their parents' backs.

"As much as I valued the judgments and opinions of my friends and family, if they were to disprove of me dating a person with a different ethnic background, I would carefully think about the reasoning, if any, they had behind those opinions," said Kevin Finerty, senior in CBA.

Although interracial dating increased, the opinions of the public have remained negative, which made total acceptance more difficult.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Kim Gadrinab, senior in ACES, and Jason Parse, sophomore in LAS, are a happy couple, despite their difference in race. Interracial dating was still frowned upon though society's rules were changing.

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SPECIAL ISSUES STORY BY BEN HOYLE

It is difficult for some people to understand how couples of the same sex are able to fall in love. For others though, it is difficult to comprehend how any love could be discriminated against. This is the vocal point of the issue of homosexuality.

Like other pertinent issues here at the U of I, homosexuality has caused opinions to form that could remain forever. Many students spent countless hours talking or thinking about homosexual intercourse, or even experimenting with it. Others have known they have been gay all of their life. The college years, though, are when many students decide to "come out" due to being away from the pressures at home.

Even though most students realize there are people on the U of I's campus who are gay, they are not all faced with the question, "How do I feel about homosexuality?" Many people may feel that they know all about it when they come in, but usually this opinion changes as they learn things are not always the way TV depicts it.

Carl Nolting, senior in FAA, said of his opinion, "I felt like they [homosexuals] were the victims of some sort of psychological disorder when I first came to school, but then I had a roommate who was gay and I've met some other people who are. I've decided that no matter why they are, they are still people and usually not much different from anyone else."

Another student, who wished to remain anonymous, said, "Homosexuality is a lot like accounting, neither one is natural and I don't want to do either of them, but I respect that there are people who would enjoy them."

Julie Caplan, junior in FAA, said, "Boys are boys and girls are girls... and anyone who wishes to get together is fine by me."

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However, no opinion can change the fact that there is a whole community of people on this campus that is homosexual or falls outside of social norms. Drew Edwards, senior in FAA, said "For the past few years, the gay community has been very fragmented. The campus organization seemed to be almost non-existent and the outlying community had little or no interaction with the campus community. With the advent of OutPost (the new gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender [GBLT] community center) and the resurrection of Spectrum (a GBLT organization), I see the community striving to actually be a community. It is very encouraging."

As of December, even more encouraging was a new Hawaii law which edged the state one step closer to becoming the first state to allow legal gay marriages. The law said Hawaii had failed to show any reason for the existing ban on gay and lesbian unions. This is one step which is being taken in order to try to maintain a positive set of values in our country and to give gays the rights they deserve. Soon they will hopefully be respected as much as heterosexual relationships and marriages.



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SPECIAL ISSUES STORY BY LESLIE FRON

One out of four students was sexually assaulted during the 1995-96 school year at the U of I. Yet less than 27 percent of victims reported their assaults or received medical care. Many rapes occurred on college campuses nationwide. Sixty to eighty percent of the time the victim knew the assailant, and 75 percent of the time alcohol was involved.

Fear has been instilled in many students on campus.

"Many of the girls who live in the Urbana sororities do not go to the library to study since they are afraid," stated Krista Carlson, senior in LAS. "When they do go out, they go in groups."

This year was the first time freshmen women went through an assault workshop to teach them to protect themselves. Historically, freshmen have been the most vulnerable group.

Of all the rapes that occurred on campus, only about two percent were male rapes, with that majority occurring between two males.

"I live in an all-male residence hall and rape is not in the front of our minds. We don't feel threatened," said Matt Watkins, senior in LAS.

On the third floor at McKinley Health Center is a counseling facility for students. Individual, group and short-term therapies are used. Sexual assault survivors typically go through three phases after an act was committed. In the first phase, survivors experience confusion, anger and rage. In phase two, the survivor tries to forget about the incident and goes through denial. Phase three is when the treatment can begin.

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Throughout all the phases, it is good for the survivor to have support from friends and loved ones. Aside from the counseling center in McKinley, there are many sexual assault peer counselors. Everything the victim does with the workshops is voluntary, though. Students are not forced into workshops by any means.

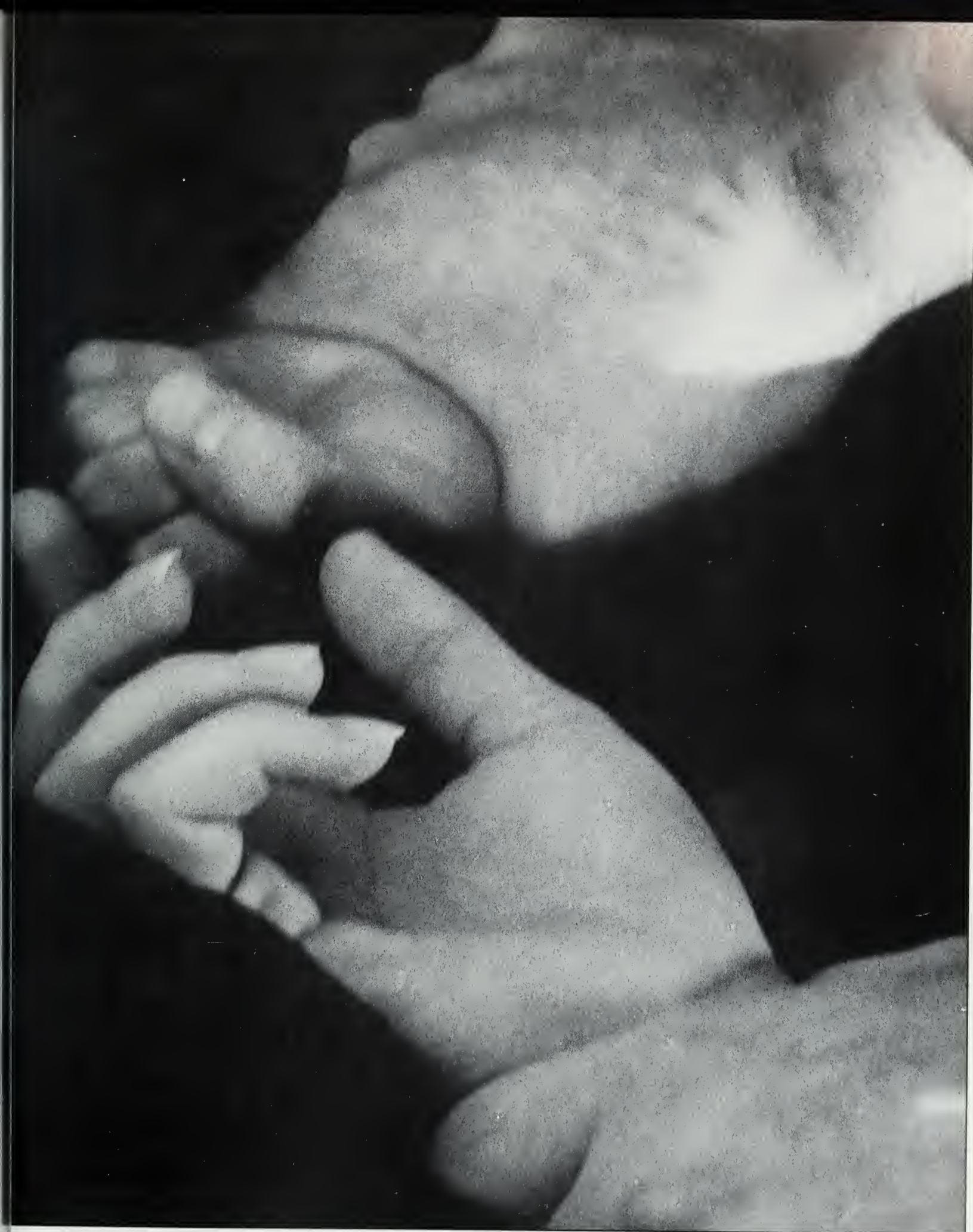
"It wouldn't be comfortable for either student since sexual assault is a sensitive issue. Students are not professionals and in cases like rape, professionals are needed," said Jeoff Shurman, junior in LAS.

The other resource students have gone to is the Champaign County Women Against Rape hotline. Within the first weeks of the fall semester of '96, eleven assault calls came in; half of them were U of I students.

"'I have been raped' is hard for victims to say. We tend to see more phone calls when a rape is reported in the media or when the school year starts up," stated Michelle Garcia, director of CCWAR.

When a rape victim calls, the volunteers lay out a list of options, such as reporting it to the police, going to the hospital or talking.

"Victims of sexual assault are afraid to get help because they think people won't believe them and because they are embarrassed and feel alone," said Garcia. "Hopefully more people will come forward."



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SPECIAL ISSUES STORY BY ADAM SLAHOR

Despite growing up in the decade of "Just Say No" and get-tough laws aimed at preventing substance abuse, many students used bongos and kegs just as often as their books.

"It's everybody," said Christi Kosogof, junior in LAS. "It's not only your typical druggies but also your jocks, nerds and average Joes."

Unsafe sex used to be the main concern in attracting AIDS. Recently, more students began worrying if they were sharing needles with AIDS infected people. Driving under the influence also became a worry, so strict "use and abuse" laws were enforced by the government, even though many students always thought they were invincible. If none of our friends ended up bloodied and dead on the highway after driving drunk or high it was not an issue that affected us. Some students never thought drugs inhibited their actions for the long term, even though they said strange things and acted much differently. For many, the reality was not that death could be the end result of drinking and drugs, even though many stars, including Janis Joplin, River Phoenix and Elvis Presley died from substance abuse.

"Almost every social event I went to it was there," said Brett Hobas, junior in LAS. "Whether it was a concert at Assembly Hall, a bar or a party, I always smelled pot or watched someone think they were cool by 'shrooming or tripping.'"

Drugs may not have done much but give users a quick high and a long low. But they were fun, right? Yet what happened when the crime rate in Chambana rose or when every year it seemed like more girls worried of rape on campus? U of I had one of the highest instances of rape and many people felt the problem was because of drinking and drugs. Was that cool, too? Was your high so great as to scar someone for the rest of his/her life? No, not everyone who does drugs is a rapists or criminal, but many people may have committed a crime after too much of these substances.

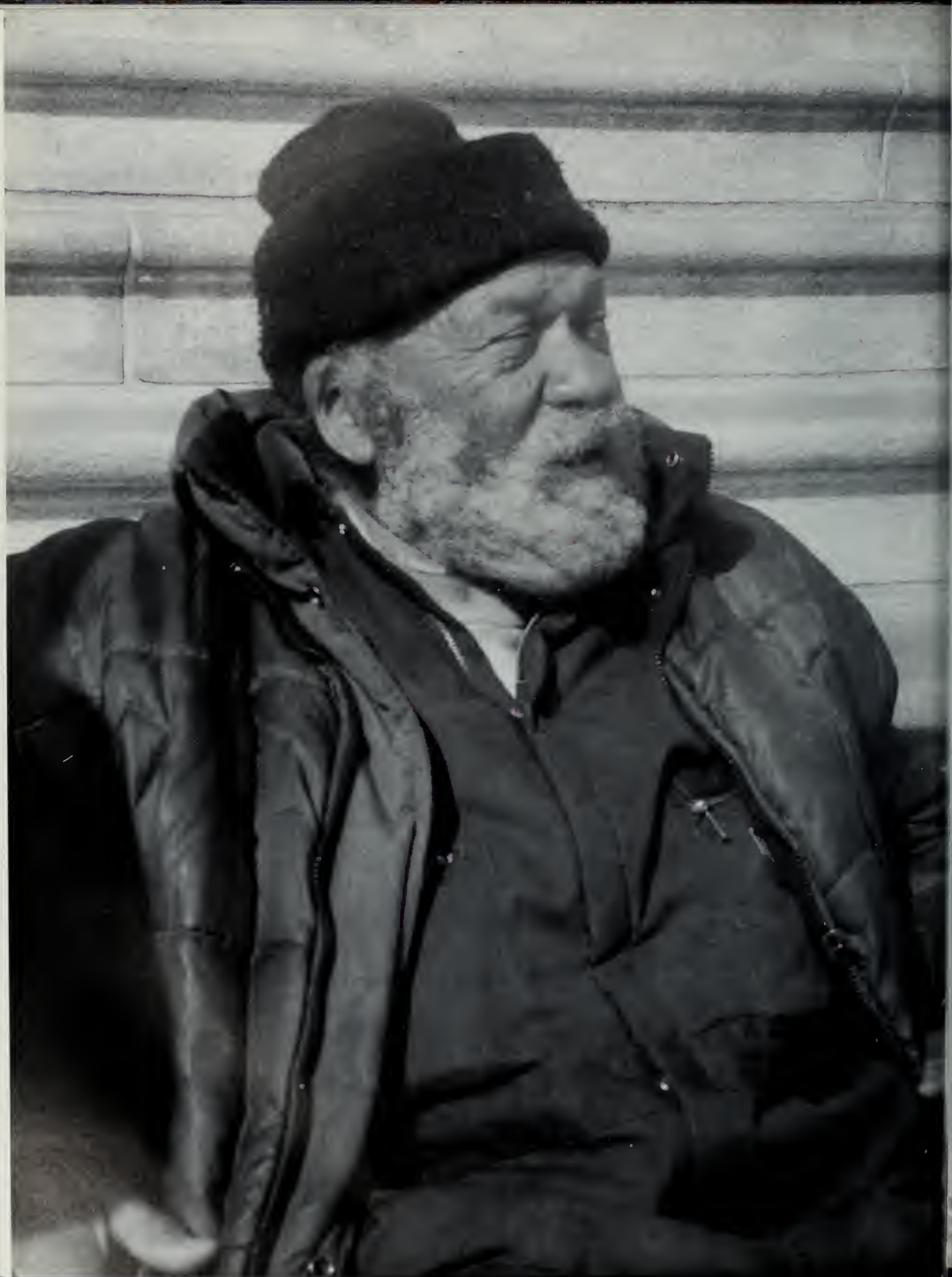
Doing drugs was so common some students often forgot drugs were illegal and that those substances could get them expelled or jailed.

Students thought they knew everything and many played the role of the doctor or nurse, cajoling their friends to have another hit or just one more beer. They thought 'shrooms were better for them because they are natural. They also thought marijuana affected only the long-term memory. In reality many 'shrooms are sprinkled with dealer's fairy dust, and marijuana can affect the short-term memory, which meant drugs inhibited some students' school work.

"I have had friends go to class high and think it was funny," said Timothy Steil, junior in LAS. "I've also seen friends ruin not only their grades but their lives through substance abuse. As we get older and see what it means to be an adult in today's world, these social issues become less and less funny."

Many have been affected by substance abuse. The sad part is that some students have realized this, but many times they do not face it, or take steps to control their behavior. It is America's responsibility to cure this epidemic-- the sooner the better.

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SPECIAL ISSUES STORY BY KRISTINA CASTILLO

Homeless people. In cities across the country, people wearing tattered clothing and carrying bags of their belongings can be seen sleeping in train stations, bus terminals or on the sidewalk. Huddled over warm-air gratings, they live through the winter on hand-outs of food and money begged from passersby (Bingham, Green, and White, eds. 1987).

When the plight of the poor became a national issue in the 1960s, President Johnson responded with a "war on poverty." The poverty line was, and still is, determined by the minimum amount of money families needed to purchase a nutritionally adequate diet, assuming they spent one-third of their incomes on food. Although the number of those classified as "poor" has increased proportionately with the number of homeless people in our communities across the nation, the number of families and elderly people that are poor and homeless has declined since the war on poverty began three decades ago. While fewer families are living on the streets, the number of homeless children has increased steadily. This is the result of cuts in government programs assisting children while funds for programs that assist the elderly have been maintained or expanded. Are children not the future of this country?

"The increasing visibility of the homeless serves as a disturbing reminder that some people are worse off than others. But this is not our problem," said Wendy Barg, senior in Education. "How many times have you been walking home from the bars and laughed at the man who stands by Wendy's asking for change? You cannot afford to walk around campus handing out money to every 'bum' you see, and that is not a reasonable solution to anyone's problems." But maybe if we were less stereotypical of this population and more empathetic, we would find ourselves making the world a better place.

Everyone has their own crusade, and if everyone plays an active part in their life then we probably would not have as many problems. People play an active role by keeping themselves off the streets. "We all care enough about ourselves to help this way, even if we can't afford to do anymore," said Allison Tatman, senior in Education.

The majority of "street people" are people just like you and me. Some are U of I grads who are in this area as a result of their particular happenstance during their four years on campus.

85 percent of Americans do believe that the problem of poverty and homelessness can be handled mainly through volunteer efforts. "We need to use the social power we have to help those who lack it," said Monica Yaun, senior in CBA. "We must remember that our population of homeless in America and even in Chambana all aspire to have a higher social status. The American dream has never been restricted to class."

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SPECIAL ISSUES STORY BY MARY ANN LUBY

Kate Moss, Elle MacPherson, Twiggy, and even Barbie. Women have always been portrayed as sex symbols in the media. But as men drool, women suffer. This suffering often results in eating disorders. The image of women's bodies plays a role in how we feel, what we do and whom we meet. The pressures women feel to conform to the standards of waif super-models promote insecurity and often a negative body image.

"The media makes it seem that in order to be accepted you have to be outrageously thin," said Emily Beckman, junior in Education.

Eating disorders are one manifestation of a negative body image.

Anorexia Nervosa is a disruption in normal eating habits characterized by a fear of becoming fat. It may also involve compulsive exercise. In essence, the body becomes malnourished and a person may suffer from a lowered heart rate, low blood pressure, decreased metabolic rate and sensations of coldness.

Bulimia is a cycle of uncontrolled binge eating followed by purging through vomiting or the use of laxatives. It may seem to be a convenient means for a person to overeat without gaining weight, but it quickly becomes an uncontrollable and dangerous process. Frequent vomiting can cause erosion of tooth enamel and damage to tissue of the throat and esophagus, kidney problems and seizures.

The obsession with staying thin may impair personal relationships and interfere with other activities, leading to depression, isolation and lowered self-esteem.

A Dartmouth University study of college students in the fall of 1995 found that body dissatisfaction and the desire to lose weight were the norm for more than 70 percent of women surveyed.

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"Most of what you see on movies, television, and in magazines are waifs like Winona Rider and Kate Moss. These images of really thin people make you feel you have to be the same way," said Leah Gryzb, junior in Communications.

According to the University of Illinois' McKinley Health Center, it is estimated that somewhere between 15 and 38 percent of all college-age females and 2 to 10 percent of all college males suffer from an eating disorder.

"Little girls aspire to be models- that is who they look up to," said Aniele Karuschak, senior in Education. "They look for outer-appearance and not leadership or other real qualities."

McKinley has various resources available to students who may need help with an eating disorder, including nutrition consultations with registered dieticians and counseling appointments with clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, and psychiatric social workers.

Media standards are unnatural for women and because this standard is often unobtainable, women may go to extreme measures to achieve a perfect look-extremes that may have emotional and physical effects.



-Kimberly DeMarino



-Pete Mackay

Assistant Professor Carol Emmerling-Dinovo and Matthew Fox, junior in FAA, talk after class in Temple Buell Hall. Although few take a risk and move the relationship beyond the classroom, most teachers and students are aware of and maintain their professional relationships.

SPECIAL ISSUES STORY BY DAN RYAN

Mixing academic and personal relationships could be detrimental to both sides. Sometimes the fine line between black and white lost focus and faded into a fuzzy shade of gray.

One such issue that came to the forefront on campus was student-teacher relationships, a dilemma most students and instructors likely overlooked until actually confronted.

According to Denise Hegeman, a Champaign co-op teacher who works with students aspiring to become professional teachers, this was something both sides should be careful of, especially if they have increased contact due to an organization, sport or other extracurricular activity.

"Sometimes it can be really hard to get out of the teacher mentality. In some cases, an infatuation can develop in a much more relaxed atmosphere. It's not exactly the same as a regular classroom setting in that the teacher-student relationship becomes less defined," Hegeman said.

Yet cases did happen here more than some realized. Matt Mickiewicz, a junior in the College of Engineering, knew a classmate who fell into this category.

"I have a friend who told me he was dating his Chem 101 TA," Mickiewicz said. "Immediately, the joking and ragging began, stuff like, 'That's why he got the A.' Those are two totally different relationships. To bring dating into the classroom, you're just bringing in biases and making it difficult on both parties to get through that situation. It's definitely bad news."

Professor Rochelle Gutierrez, who also deals with students considering teaching as a career in the department of Curriculum and Instruction, shared a discussion she had with a group of fellow professors.

"Some of the faculty has talked about it more along the lines of graduate students," Gutierrez said. "The consensus among the people I talked to was that it was alright to date somebody who was your student, but only after they've been in your class."

This showed how valuable it became for professors to get to know students on a personal level in the education process. Most agreed that this informal element in a classroom could only help stimulate academic interest and success.

Hegeman explained that this interaction took on added importance because more often than not, in an unfriendly learning environment, teachers underestimated their pupils' perception of them.

"If students don't feel like you want to spend the time, and you really care that they do well, then that perception can hurt the academic performance of your class," Hegeman said. "From day one, they enter your room with an incredible distrust in institutions like school. So it's tough to balance the respect and authority with being open and friendly."

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SPECIAL ISSUES STORY BY GRETCHEN BLOUNT

Take an abortion clinic. Draw some protestors around it. Someone holding up a sign with a fetus on it. Someone else, perhaps, holding a real fetus.

Add the miracle drug: the protestors disappear. So do the signs and the fetus. Why? Because the office itself, a place where operations take place, was changed into hundreds of little doctors' offices passing out a pill to women. Those are the simple facts of RU 486. And now, all of the debates are shifting over to the doctors. But RU 486 will permit medicine to achieve what politics has made a problem: allowing the issue of abortion to be a private matter between a woman and her doctor. The vision of a pill stopping the abortion debate is still to be questioned by pro-life advocates.

U of I students always have a view on whether or not abortion should remain legal in the state of Illinois, but many of their views remain toward younger victims.

"I believe abortion should still remain legal," commented Kathryn Reid, freshman in LAS, "but should not be abused or used as a way out. You should have to apply for it so it is used primarily for rape victims or the very young."

Along with the legalization of abortions or the abortion pill comes the controversy of mandatory parental involvement laws. "I'm against these laws," said Arwen Pokorney, junior in CBA. "Even though I feel most kids who do get pregnant tell their parents, there are always the situations where a girl cannot tell them, like Becky Bell. She asked a judge to be granted special permission for an abortion because she was afraid of being beaten by her father. Bell was denied the abortion, chose to have an illegal abortion and died from it."

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Many still think it is the woman's right which supercedes the fetus' right. "I feel that it is totally the woman's choice," added Pokorney. "Choice means more than the right whether or not to have an abortion, it is the woman's right to do what she wants with her own body."

Religion is often a factor in views on abortion because the basis of opposition of abortion goes back to the theological question of at what point is a fetus considered a person. In Illinois, abortions are usually performed only during the first trimester.

The pill has been effective in other countries, but the pill is not offered in the United States yet. It is, however, expected to be effective here soon. There has been less nausea with this drug than many others used on women, and assorted studies have found that it may also combat breast cancer and Cushing's syndrome, a life-threatening metabolic disorder.

Safe sex and abstinence are still the two best ways to prevent pregnancy, and many believe that is how it should remain. "It's all about self-control," commented Joan MacNamara, freshman in FAA. "You just cannot put yourself in the position where an unwanted pregnancy could occur."



-Kimberly DeMarino

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cappellapalooza 3: A Space Oddity took the U of I campus by storm on April 19, 1996 - literally. Not only did three a cappella groups take the stage, but tornadoes raged through the C-U area. One made a brief detour to pass over Foellinger Auditorium where fans awaited the start of the show. • "This show is going to be legendary," predicted Matt DeMonte, junior in Engineering. Few knew how right DeMonte would be. • A little before 8 p.m.

the concert was postponed due to the threat of a tornado. At first, many thought this was a joke. The Xtension Chords, founders of Acappellapalooza, were known to be pranksters. When it was announced spectators were being locked in Foellinger for their safety, people realized it was not a joke. This did not stop the audience from having a good time. • "Acappellapalooza made a big impact on me," stated Daniel Tatar, sophomore in

FAA. "Even during the tornado it was fun." • Tatar entertained the audience by singing the theme from "Different

SINGING IN THE OZONE

Strokes" and dancing around with a mop. The crowd cheered him on as he tortured an embarrassed student who was taking the MCAT the next morning. • The show eventually started with the XChords singing their rendition of "Jessie's Girl" by Rick Springfield. The Generics from the University of Maryland performed next, followed by the Rip Chords, the newest all-women a cappella group on campus. • The XChords also closed the show. The group consisted of

15 members who had spent the month

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before performing on a tour of the East Coast. The XChords also performed live on WGN radio in Chicago and were very proud of the amazing success of their last CD, "Shock Value." • Fans screamed as members made their way onto the stage. The band

ran through a wide variety of music that included the Illinois state song and eventually ended with "Gangsta's Paradise" by Coolio. • Tim Marriott, senior in ACES, stated, "This show was incredible. Even with the interruption of our historical Illinois weather, the Xtension Chords' talent and energy were not about to be upstaged by a mere tornado."

**Unable to start
the concert on
time because of
a tornado
warning, the
Xtension Chords
tossed a beach
ball into the
audience.**



-Pete MacKay

**Minutes
later, the
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ended and
the music
began.**

**STORY BY
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ARENDARCZYK
LAYOUT BY
PAM RILEY**



-Pete MacKay

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t ORNADOES DID NOT STOP THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND'S THE GENERICS FROM APPEARING ON STAGE AT ACAPPELLAPALOOZA.



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k RIS MILLER, MANAGER OF BIXBY'S ON WRIGHT STREET IN CHAMPAIGN, SELLS A BAG OF BAGELS TO PETE SEILER, RECENT GRAD IN THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING. BIXBY'S LOCATION DRAWS A LOT OF STUDENTS FOR THEIR FRESH BAKED BAGEL DELIGHTS.



-Pete MacKay

b ARB BERKHOUT, JUNIOR IN LAS, PREPARES A BAGEL FOR SALE. TOPPINGS INCLUDE ALL FLAVORS OF CREAM CHEESE AND JAM. MANY STUDENTS ATE BAGELS NOT JUST AS SNACKS, BUT ALSO AS MEALS.

bagels, bagels, bagels...the ultimate food of the college student. Where would you have been without them? You would have starved. What else can you fit in those tiny microfridges in the dorms besides those oh-so-amazing frozen burritos? • They were everywhere - St. Louis Bread Company, Bagelman's, Delights, Bixby and Co., Courier Cafe, Pipin' Hot in the Courtyard Cafe, Strawberry Fields, Meijer, Target, every and any grocery store or deli on campus and off and those cute little coffee houses in downtown Champaign. • "Meijer had a sale on Lender's bagel's.

79 cents each. Our freezer was packed. A package flew out everytime we opened the damn freezer. My roommates and I easily ate six bags in two weeks," said Kathy Pagakis, senior in Education. • Think of all the endless toppings and entrees: little pizzas, cold-cut sandwiches, cream cheese, your

**The Bagelmen's
on Green Street
in Campustown**

**makes 13 kinds
of bagels daily.**

Cinnamon

Raisin is their

**best selling
bagel, but
who could
resist a
little bit of
everything?**

**STORY BY
KRISTINA CASTILLO
LAYOUT BY
PAM RILEY**

YUM YUM BAGELS YUM

favorite fruit spread, tomato and cilantro, the leftover garlic butter from Papa John's the night before, butter, hummus, peanut butter and jelly, cinnamon and sugar, tuna fish or chicken salads, grilled cheese, marmalade, olive oil with rosemary, onion and barbecue sauce, a pile of veggies and sprouts, bananas and fluff, beets, salsa, honey, imitation Egg McMuffin - the list goes on and on. • "My favorite thing to make out of bagels was garlic bread. It was so quick and easy to make when you can use a microwave. It gives you that something extra with your pasta dinner. And with no fat and no calorie butter spray, it made a great snack to take to a class. I had to make sure I didn't lean over to ask anyone a question in lecture,"

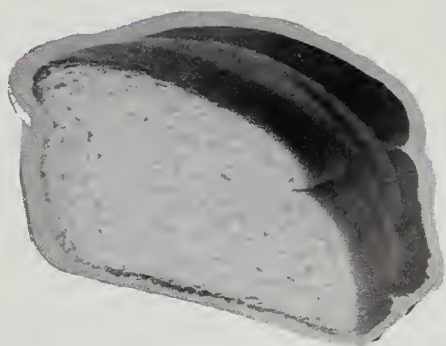


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after the bars, get them with coffee while you are stressing out studying, have them with your mom while you are at home on a Sunday morning. Is it a chick thing? Mmm...It's bonding food," stated Sarah Busen, senior in ALS. • We were conditioned to enjoy these brothers of the doughnut. They were tasty, and better for us too. Will the fad last, or will the craze soon go six feet under? What would we create next?

said Annie McCarter, senior in LAS. • There are endless varieties: plain, egg, wheat, onion, raisin, blueberry, cinnamon raisin and garlic. • "Bagels are a universal food. You can eat them with friends

**BAGELS
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The White Trash Magnet Set was just one thing found on students fridges.

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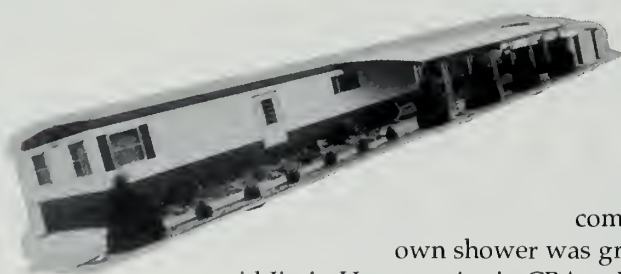
What's on your Fridge?

some students' views on that crazy thing called apartment life

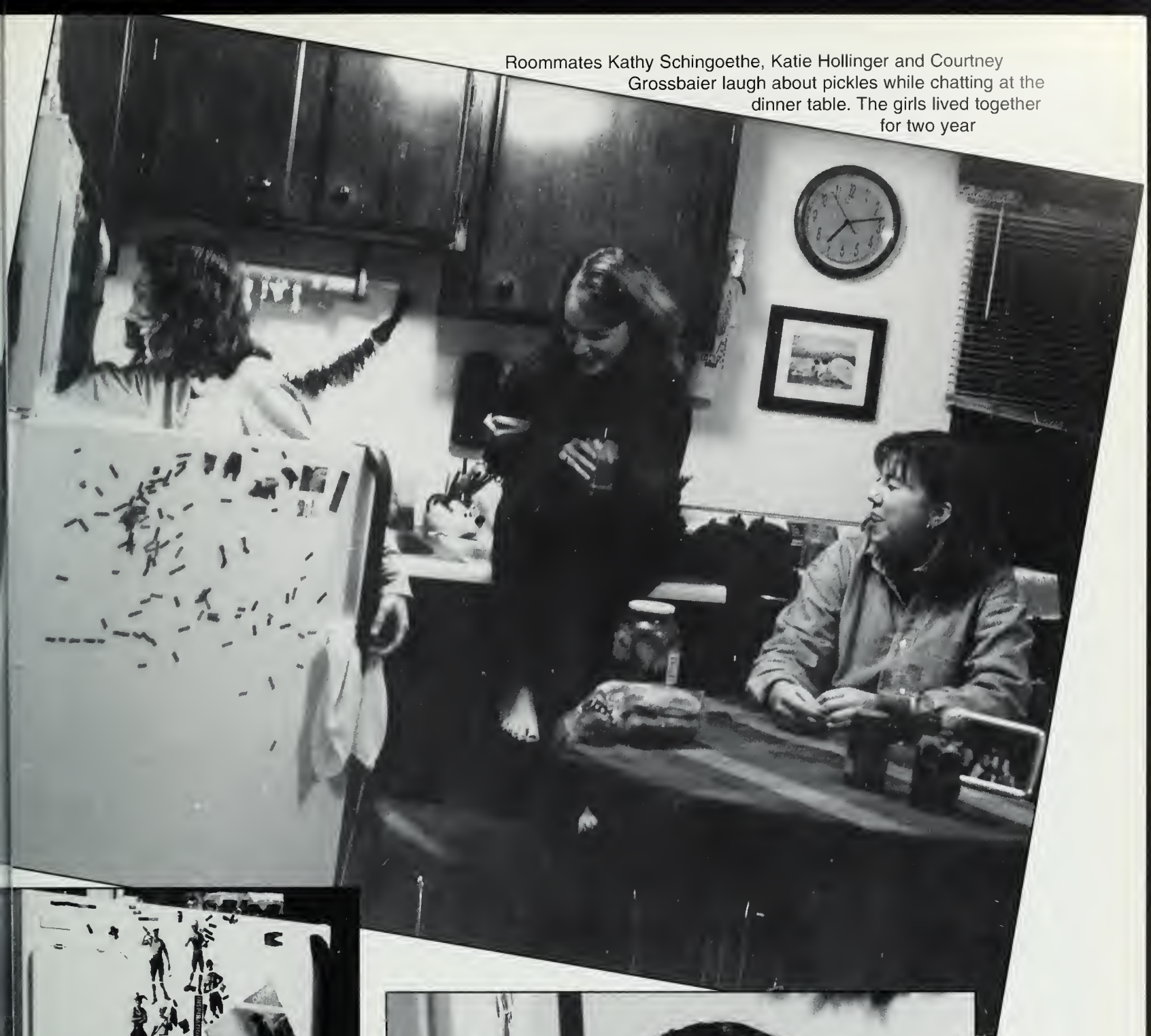


Phone messages, delivery menus, magnet collections, snapshots and even monthly bills: with all these things tacked up to the fridge it might have seemed the outside was more important than the inside. The fridge was more than just a place to store food. To many it was a symbol of freedom. It represented their first stab at one of the joys of life: apartment living. • "I just wanted to get out of the dorms," said Katie Hollinger senior in LAS. "I hated the communal showers. I hated eating in the cafeteria. When I was a junior I got an apartment, and I loved being able to do whatever I wanted." •

Although Hollinger had some less than perfect memories of dorm life, it was there that she met the two women who turned into her roommates and friends. • Like herself, her roommates realized the importance of the fridge, and all major appliances. • "You never really think about it, but it may be the most important major appliance you own," said Courtney Grossbaier, senior in LAS. "It was a great place to leave messages because everyone went in there for something during the day. Yes, it is true: I love my fridge." • When asked about apartment life and more specifically their fridge, Grossbaier commented on the gross things their third roommate stored inside. "My other roommate has a knack for creating gross concoctions. Two of her favorites are this ham and cheese loaf and a broccoli casserole. When they were inside the fridge, I shuddered to open it." • Another important fixture of apartment life was the bathroom. Many students equally feared and hated the experience of communal bathrooms. The first thing that came to the mind of Susan Lee, junior in FAA, when asked about apartment life was, "I have my own toilet!" She then added, "and there aren't any mirror hogs." • Not only was the toilet a main source of private comfort, the shower was another place of individual happiness. "Having your own shower was great because you did not have to deal with other people's messes in there," said Jimin Hong, senior in CBA. • Whether your dig was the kitchen or the bathroom, the general consensus was that apartments represented independence. "There was a lot more privacy - you had your own room, and you had more personal space," said Susie Kim, senior in LAS. • Furthermore, apartment living arrangements were less intrusive to other people. "I did not have to feel like I was bugging my neighbors," said Kim. • Without the too-close-for-comfort atmosphere, apartment-dwellers could come and go as they pleased. "I felt very much an adult - I could come in as late as I wanted and I did not have to escort my friends around the building," said Lee. • The individualistic nature of apartment living was not all perks. "I actually had to clean my bathroom," said Lee. Kim complained about the monthly bills. "It got kind of annoying every month when, at the dorms, you paid everything in one big sum," she said, noting that bills became especially troublesome when they were divided. • Still, university policy dictated that every student live their first year in the university residence halls or the privately-owned certified housing. The first fridge for many students was a molded-over, post-winter break nightmare. "I never have to defrost my fridge again," said Lee. • Like Lee, most students acknowledged that apartment life represented a one-way street where they could never go back to communal living once they got a taste of the freedom of apartments.



Roommates Kathy Schingoethe, Katie Hollinger and Courtney Grossbaier laugh about pickles while chatting at the dinner table. The girls lived together for two year



Much to her roommates' dismay, Kathy Schingoethe goes to the fridge to gather the necessary ingredients to make her infamous broccoli casserole.

Note the many magnet collections on this fridge. The women especially got a kick out of the magnetic Absolut® Vodka ad.

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his Hash Wednesday was a time for students to kick back, light a joint and socialize on the Quad under a warm sun and clear blue skies. • The day was not a new phenomenon on campus. Since 1973, it has been a tradition to celebrate marijuana at "high" noon on the third Wednesday of April. Festivities attracted almost 200 students who made the day more of a social event than anything. "I wish every day was Hash Wednesday," stated Randy Gallagher, freshman in Communications. • The day was sponsored by the Cannabis Reform Coalition, which promoted the amending of marijuana legalization. For some students, the day was used to state their opinions on the issue. For others, it was a day of socializing and meeting friends on the Quad. Jim Lee, freshman in Accounting, stated, "You must confine your eats for the day to weed cookies and hash brownies." • The sounds of bongo drums and laughter and the sweet smells of the season were what made Hash Wednesday a day to remember for many. But most chose not to smoke because of police presence. Six students were arrested during last year's festivities, but awareness caused

no arrests this year. This is not to say that no weed was smoked. Most students did it beforehand or privately to escape the threat of arrest from police officers in uniform or undercover. • The day also called for an awareness of marijuana's value and the dispelling of all of the myths. • "If people knew the facts, things could get done," stated Ryan Hirchenbach,

HASH MAKES THE BASH

president of the Cannabis Reform Coalition.

"It's such a valuable crop, and the government is so naive about it." Marijuana has been proven to alleviate some of the painful side-effects of chemotherapy and AIDS, and also has been found to be

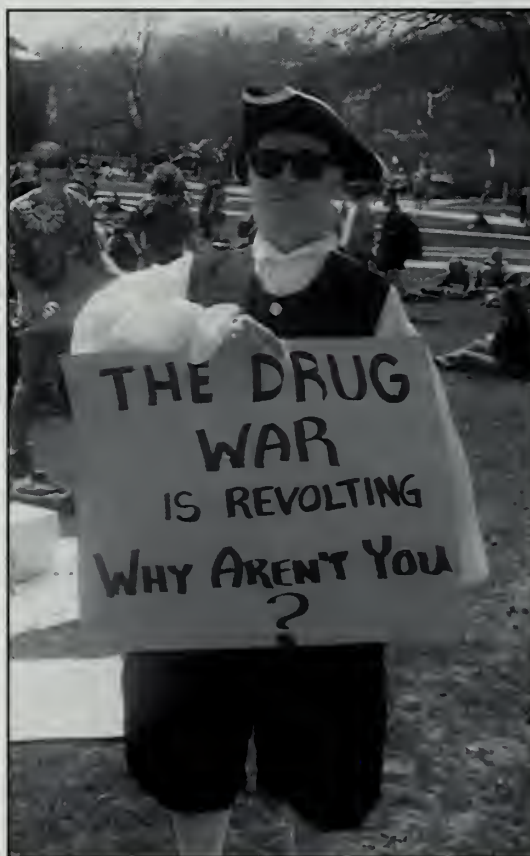
**MARIJUANA IS
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successful in treating glaucoma. It has also been found that hemp, which only takes a few months to grow, produces four times more paper than one acre of trees, which takes years to grow. • Those who did go out to have a good time definitely were not disappointed. Maybe in years to come, students will legally be

able to have fun at the festivities like those who enjoy drinking are able to go to the bars. Only time will tell.

**Call it pot, weed
or dope, one**

**hemp lover
visits
college
campuses,
convincing
students
grass
should be
legal.**



-Kimberly DeMarino

**STORY BY
ADAM SLAHOR
LAYOUT BY
PAM RILEY**



-Kimberly DeMarino

bONGOS ARE ONE OF THE ITEMS USED ON HASH WEDNESDAY. MANY STUDENTS GO TO THE QUAD TO SIT AND WATCH THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES WITHOUT EVEN EXPERIMENTING WITH POT.



-Kimberly DeMarino

SINCE HASH WEDNESDAY FALLS IN THE SPRING, IT IS ONE OF THE FIRST NICE DAYS TO SPEND ON THE QUAD. THAT IS WHY MANY PEOPLE COME OUT TO GRAB A PIECE OF THE ATMOSPHERE. SOME, LIKE THIS GIRL, BLOW BUBBLES TO CELEBRATE.



-Charles Cass

CHRISTINA ZURCHER, KRISTINA BOERGER, GINNA HUSTING AND A FRIEND LAUGH AT A JOKE ROBIN ARBTER TOLD. COMING OUT PUT PRESSURE ON MANY INDIVIDUALS SINCE THE REACTION OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY WAS NOT ALWAYS EASY TO PREDICT. SOMETIMES MIXING A SERIOUS SUBJECT WITH A COUPLE OF JOKES HELPED INCREASE SUPPORT AND RELAX PARTICIPANTS FROM THE PRESSURES OF COMING OUT.

aFTER LISTENING TO MANY SPEAKERS, KRISTINA BOERGER ADDRESSES THE CROWD WITH HER OPINIONS ON HOMOSEXUAL AND LESBIAN ISSUES. ALL PARTICIPANTS WERE AWARE OF THE STEREOTYPES AND PREJUDICES AGAINST THE GAY COMMUNITY. NOT ALL AGREED, HOWEVER, ON HOW TO HANDLE THEM. WHAT THEY DID AGREE ON WAS UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF ONE ANOTHER'S BELIEFS AND IDEAS.



-Charles Cass

The 'Coming Out' rally was held to celebrate the anniversary of the National Coming Out Day rally held in 1987 on Capitol Hill. On this day during Gay History Month, everyone had the opportunity to come out of the closet while surrounded by friends who supported them. "Coming out is a process throughout one's life. It is more comfortable and important to come out in an environment that is safe and accepting," said James Hall, director of Safe Zone and assistant Dean of the College of Medicine. • Coming out includes individuals coming out to themselves, friends, family and the public sphere. "I think it is important to look at the process of coming out. It's an important event in one's life to acknowledge one's sexual identity, and coming out on 'Coming Out Day' is the first step in the process, although gays will have to come out all the time," stat-

COME OUT OF THE DARK

**Students
listened to
speakers at the
Coming Out Day
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Quad. For many,
objectively
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keeping an
open mind.**

ed Marina Levina, senior in LAS. "Coming Out Day increases awareness and it allows the gay community to be proud of who they are. It is good for other students to see that the gay community exists and is strong at the U of I," said Joe Wiedman, senior in LAS. • U of I educates the students through Safe Zone, which used to be called

Spectrum, and ALLY. Safe Zone is the organization that presented Coming Out Day. The name represents a club where it is safe for people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender to talk about their sexuality as well as events happening locally and globally. "Safe Zone sees the need for education of gay rights on this campus," stated Andrea Anderson, senior in FAA. • The gay community in

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Champaign is small in size, but is strong in spirit. A main issue, especially for young people, is AIDS. Many citizens believe AIDS is a gay male disease. This is not the case. Recently, the number of AIDS cases has increased in heterosexual males and females while the rate in homosexuals has decreased. "It's important that people know that there are successful gay men out there. We need to keep reaching as many people as possible to help support each other," said James Hall. • Young homosexuals are becoming more aware of unsafe sex. This is in part due to positive gay role models that have come out like Barry Frank, a congressman from Massachusetts, and Dan Butler who plays the sports announcer on *Fraiser*.

**STORY BY
LESLIE FRON
LAYOUT BY
ELENA ONTIVEROS**

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ou know you loved them. You slept with them, ate with them and played with them. You would have been lost without them. You made your pets an integral part of your lives. "My cat was typical Dave Letterman material. I never heard my alarm go off so my cat would meow and paw at my face to wake me up," stated Claire Fleisher, senior in LAS. • Cats, dogs, ferrets, turtles, iguanas - you name it, we had 'em. We relied on our little friends for comfort, joy and just sheer company. We spent time on the Quad with our loved ones throwing frisbees, sleeping or checking out hotties. They served all

purposes of the college student. • "My roommates and I had a dog, and we wanted to take some funny pictures of him," stated Andrew Choi, senior in LAS. "We rolled up a piece of bread and stuck a lit cigarette in the end, so when he ate it we got a picture that looked like he was enjoying a

smokey treat." • Animals were much better companions to

have in the long run.

Pets did not care

STUPID PET TRICKS

whether or not

you shaved your legs, they missed you when you were gone, they did not brag about who they slept with nor did they criticize your friends. The

only games they played with you were the ones you made up.

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Then there was the ultimate - every time they kissed you, you know they really meant it. •

Despite all the TLC, it was not always fun and

games. We found out our pets would die.

Face it. Make a little cross out of old popsicle sticks right now

because the day just may be right around the corner. • "I bought

a purple beta fish named Amethyst my freshman year," said

Dawn Verest, senior in LAS. "Over

Thanksgiving I could not take him home, so I gave him one of

those pellets that lasts a couple of days. When I

got back he was stuck to the rocks at the bottom of his bowl, and the pellet swelled so big from

soaking up the water that it covered the whole top. I swore then that I would never get another pet for

the rest of my college years." • So, love 'em

because you know you would never leave 'em, and you know they will always love you back.

Eric Partaker,

junior in CBA,

poses with his

pup, Jack. Many

pet owners took

better care of

their pets than

they did them-

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-Carla Schoepfle

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-Carla Schoepfle

rYAN BROOKS, JUNIOR IN CBA, TAKES TO THE QUAD WITH HIS PUP, SHANA. LIKE MANY OTHER FUN-LOVING PET OWNERS, THE TWO ENJOY A STRESS-FREE DAY FULL OF FUN, RELAXATION AND SUNSHINE. WHEN THE WEATHER IS NICE, IT IS NOT RARE TO FIND PEOPLE AND THEIR PETS ON THE QUAD PLAYING GAMES INSTEAD OF STUDYING.

Dating is Keen

Short term flings excited many, but some students thought a serious relationship was where it was at



It was once again Friday night and you were overcome by an undying need to venture out and find your soul mate, significant other or someone with a more short-term, less-committed perspective on 'hooking up.' Would you head to the crowded, smoky bars which were mistaken for mosh-pits or would you allow a friend to do the duty of arranging a set-up for you? Other options included clubs, functions, or the chance of accidentally colliding grocery carts at a local supermarket.

One of the most popular options for meeting a mate was braving the Champaign-Urbana bar scene. "Bars were not a very good environment to meet someone; most bars held a pretty accurate reputation for being 'meat markets'," said Robyn Tessin, sophomore in LAS. "Most of the guys you met in those situations were not always the most trustworthy people. Some were not interested in dating, they just wanted to hook up for the night."

Those who were unsuccessful at the bars turned to their friends to set them up for social functions or double-dates. "So far the set-ups I've been on went smoothly," said Ryan Evans, junior in ALS. "The only disadvantage to set-ups was if something went wrong, you had to face them the rest of the semester in class."

While many students were on a quest to find a significant other, some students found their mate and completely dropped out of the dating scene. "I have been with the same girl for almost two years now," said Paul Konczak, sophomore in Education. "Having a strong relationship freed me from all the pressures of having to 'pick up' and have meaningless one-night relationships."

While some students used to dream of meeting their future spouse in college, their opinions changed as they grew older. Many students wished to get a start on their careers and their independence before getting married and settling down. "I've been dating a girl for about a year," added Evans. "It is a strong relationship, but I am not thinking marriage. I am only twenty, and, in my opinion, that is just too young."

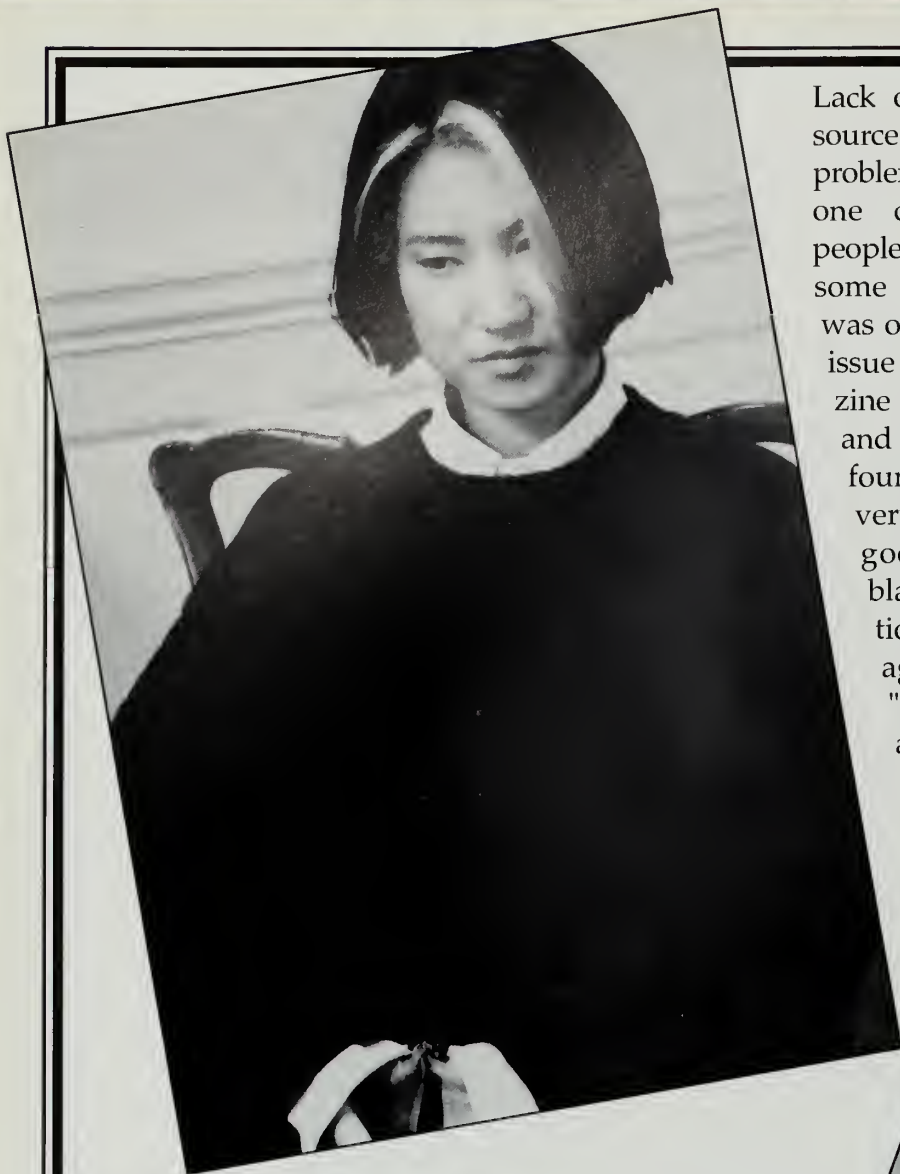
In reality, everyone loved the little gifts they received and phone calls they got in the middle of the night that showed them that not everyone on this campus was out to get them. Dating was probably more of a worry than school. What would students have done without the stress over their mate who dumped them a day before the biggest final of their academic career?





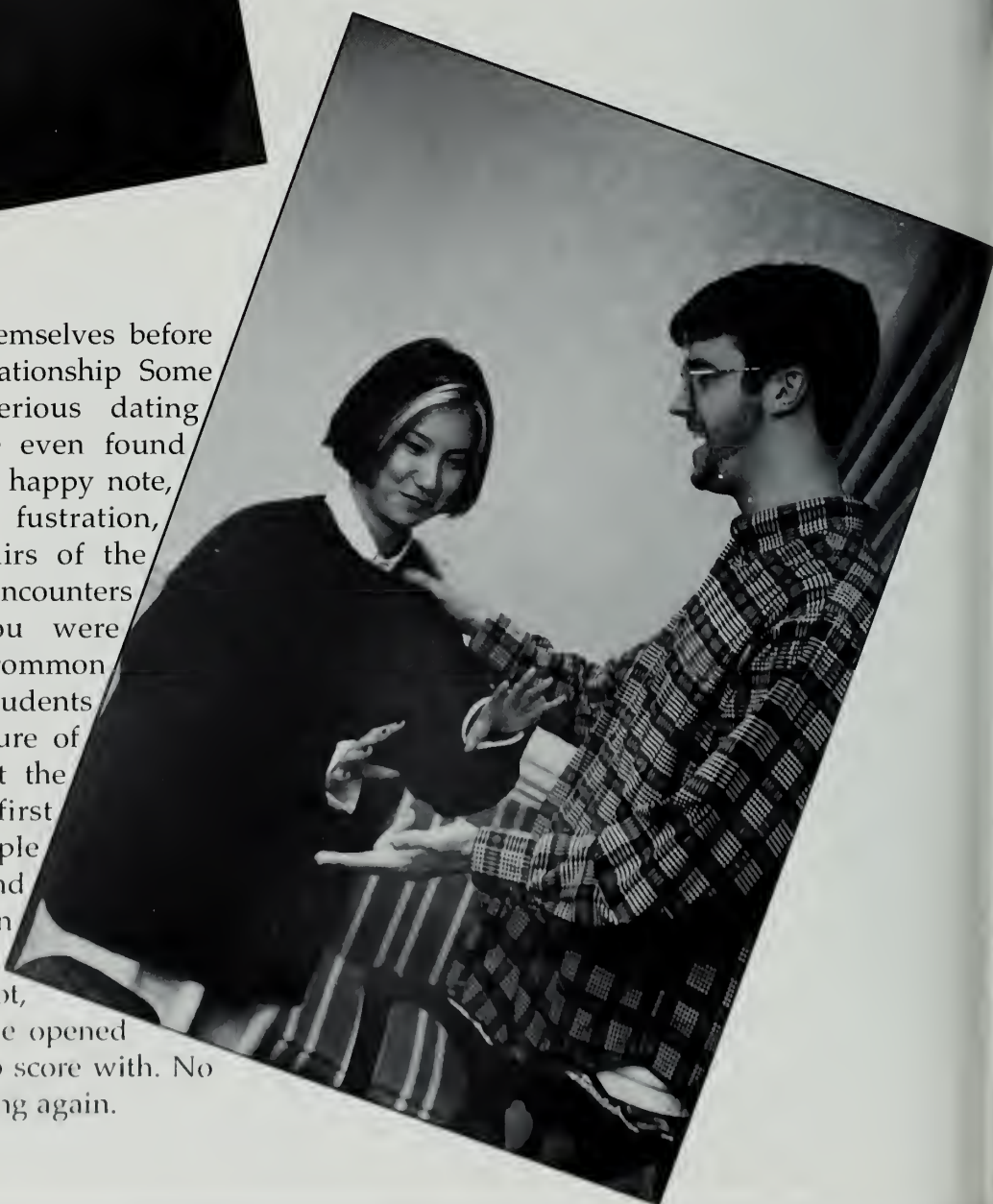
Looks like cupid's arrow has pierced the hearts of these two U of I students. They sit in front of Foellinger. Love birds were commonplace on campus.

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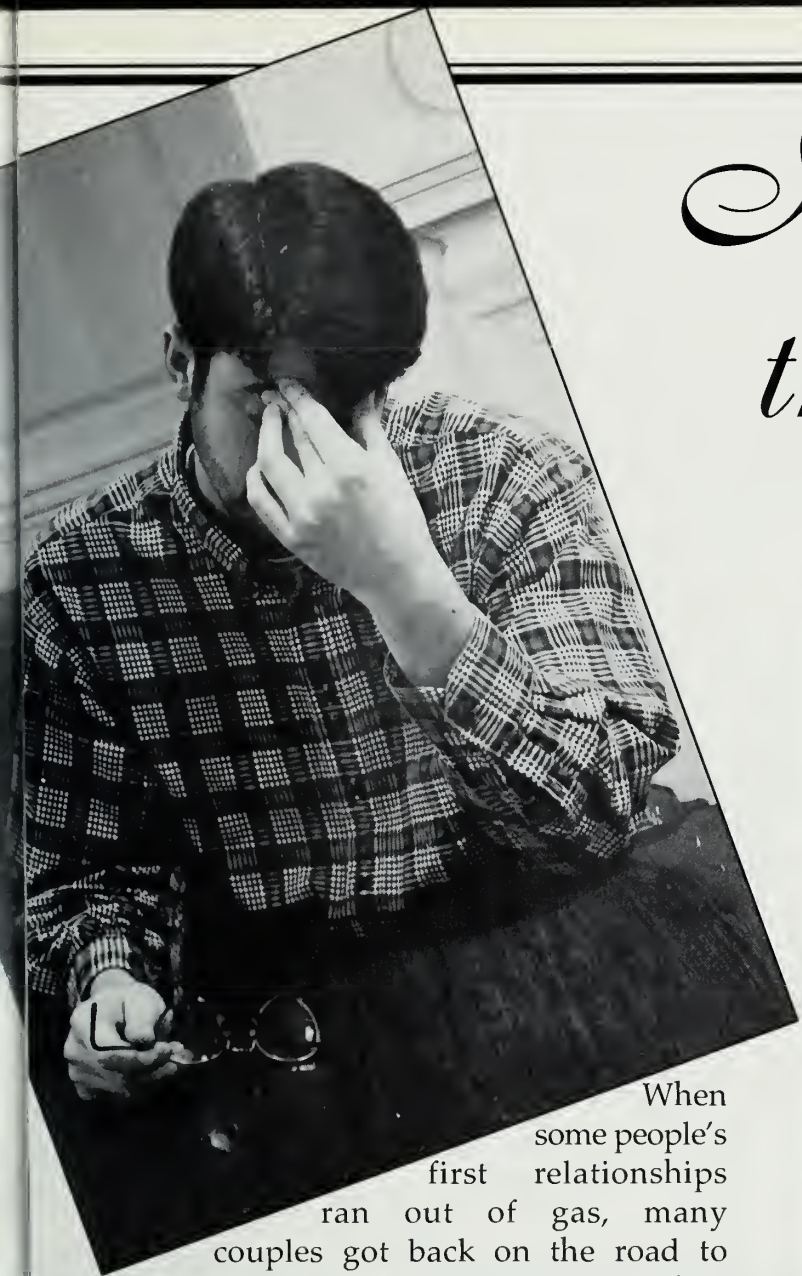
Lack of communication between the sexes remained a source of tension between couples. Here two people have problems fighting over who loves who more. This was one common type of silly fight many people insisted on engaging in just to throw some tension into a relationship that was otherwise going fine. In this year's January issue of *The Issue* (the independent student magazine at the U of I) topics such as dating, gender and quirky stuff different people around campus found sexy were all addressed. Girls seemed to be very descriptive in what they liked: nice teeth, good nails, good hair, well-defined shoulder blades and even five o'clock shadows were mentioned. But the boys basically liked the overall package, noting stuff like faces or whatever made a girl "sparkle," as things that stood out for them. The article also touched on gay/bisexual dating, something that was not addressed much on campus.

Many people needed to know themselves before they could have a successful relationship. Some got involved in their first serious dating experience during college. Some even found true love at the U. of I. On a less happy note, many found college a time of frustration, especially when it came to affairs of the heart. Blind dates, first sexual encounters and finding someone that you were attracted to and had a lot in common with was a hard task. Other students just started dating and were unsure of the rules. How many people felt the man should still make the first move? Even though most people thought this was outdated and silly, we all agreed the man should always pay for dinner, right? Just a joke. Okay, Maybe not, but he should at least always have opened the door for the lady he wanted to score with. No one could disagree with that. Kidding again.



Is it a fling or the real thing?

an age old question



When some people's first relationships ran out of gas, many couples got back on the road to romance by thinking about what they wanted and communicated better with their significant other. Shared values, interests and goals equaled a relationship that could endure bad times and even continue to prosper. Couples in a passionate relationship sometimes forgot about what really mattered. Often people knew it was over but continued to hang on, afraid of what would happen next. We all heard people say that they were afraid no one else would ever love them or want to be with them. But sometimes breaking up was inevitable. If one person did not feel comfortable in a relationship, there was not much the other person could do. Many times the two stayed friends; other times, all ties were severed. But it was always uncomfortable to see your ex in a bar with someone else, no matter how hard you tried to shrug off the relationship.



Is it love? Many people stayed with someone for the wrong reasons. We all knew of relationships that were less than, shall we say, healthy, in our own eyes. Maybe the younger people we knew in college were particularly susceptible to stay with someone who was not that good of a match for them because they still believed love conquered all. Maybe some thought their significant other would change with time. Or, maybe they just liked the sex. Whatever the case, most people had a romance (even if it was short-lived) or crush they will look back on.

The freedom to elect our own political leaders is one of our country's principles many people think makes the United States great. In 1996, students had an opportunity to participate in this American tradition by going to the polls to vote. Politically-based student organizations and activists helped students register, make an informed decision and get out to the polls on November 5th. • "Project Vote" was an organization sponsored by Volunteer Illini Projects. Headed by Aarti Kotak, a senior in LAS, the project promoted many of the registration booths set up around campus. They sponsored MTV's "Rock the Vote" campaign, along with

Illini Student Government, and other registration projects, signing up approximately six to seven thousand voters. • "Students tend not to vote as much as the older population," said Kotak. "Promoting voter registration is the first step to help change that." • Project Vote is not run once

every four years, but rather year round, building up participation in elections for mayor,

RAISE YOUR VOICE

governor and the U.S. Senate. Committees wanted to inform students about the candidates and the issues. One opportunity was a debate held at PAR. Tom Smith, senior in Education, organized the event. "There are students

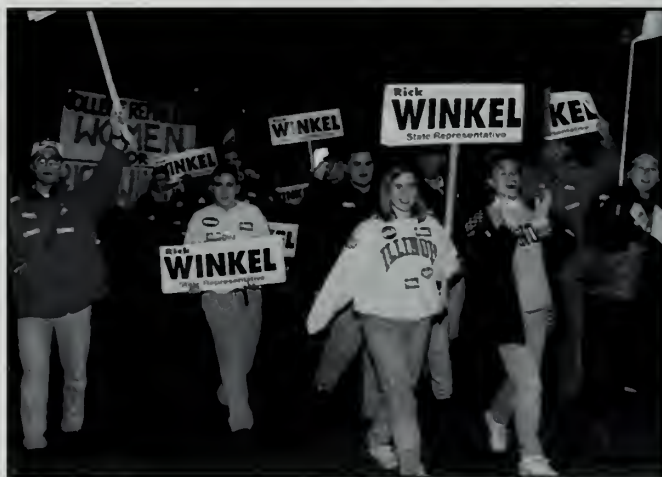
here with strong opinions who would like to voice them," stated Smith. "I wanted to do a big project for the whole building, and this being an election year, the debate seemed like a good idea." • Claire Reed, president of the College Democrats, and Joe Alexander, president of the College Republicans,

debated over whether Bill Clinton or Bob Dole was the better candidate. The College Democrats and Republicans recruited members of their respective parties. They did not, however, only participate

in the national election every four years. They also rallied their cause in city and state elections, which allowed them to function yearly. "I've been a Republican all my life, and this was the first thing I looked for," said Alexander, senior in LAS. "You do fun things and meet interesting people." • With active participation in the electoral process, students had a strong foundation for voicing their opinion in the future.

The democracy and freedom that define America was put to use when students used their voices and marched around the C-U area showing support for Rick

Winkel, who ran for state Rep.



-Pete Mackay

**STORY BY
MICHAEL BACH
LAYOUT BY
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m MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY REPUBLICANS BRAVE THE COLD AND CAMP OUT WITH SIGNS, FLAGS AND POSTERS FOR CANDIDATES OF THEIR POLITICAL PARTY. THE REPUBLICANS ON THE BALLOT FOR THE 1996 ELECTION YEAR INCLUDED BOB DOLE FOR PRESIDENT AND TOM EWING FOR CONGRESS.



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t HE MTV "CHOOSE OR LOSE" BUS PARKS ITSELF ON THE QUAD, JUST OUTSIDE OF THE UNION. AS PART OF THE NATION'S CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF VOTERS AMONG YOUTHS, ORGANIZATIONS LIKE MTV TRAVELED AROUND THE COUNTRY TO VARIOUS COLLEGE CAMPUSES AND ENCOURAGED STUDENTS TO REGISTER AND VOICE THEIR OPINIONS.

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our U of I students pushed their possessions and furniture aside to make room for art. These students transformed their home into the Clear the Furniture Art Gallery. They decided this was the year to make their house into a "lived-in" art museum. • "We decided to make art more accessible to the common person. Here it is more of a casual thing, because everybody makes art," said Aileen Crotty, senior in FAA. • The gallery featured a few artists for each of its monthly shows and musicians often performed. It gave students a chance to display art or just observe. But the gallery is not just for art majors. Patrick Gailey, senior in LAS, said, "I'm not into art, but I'd like to support people having a good time with art." • The art gallery provided a low-key and down to earth atmosphere where people were comfortable and focused on having fun. On

opening night the crowd got to listen to the band the Blue Grassholes. All performances were free to the public. • Besides music, all types of art were

HOMEMADE GALLERY

on display. "So far, I haven't made anything site specific, but it's really inspiring to live in a place where art is," said Amy Kernagis, senior in FAA. "I'm excited about doing

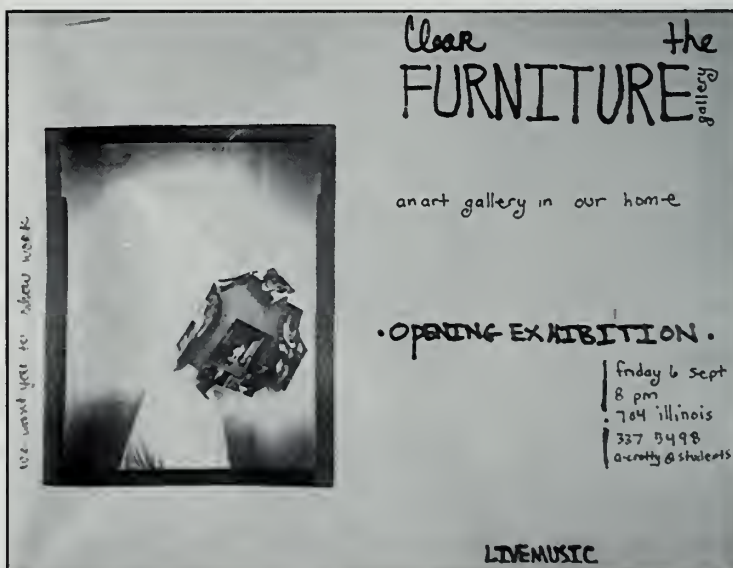
The Clear the Furniture Art Gallery, located at 704 W. Illinois Street in Urbana, busted at the seams with art. The artists used homemade signs to hype C-U's new home for art.

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some installation work in our house. That's what makes this gallery different; there's actually people living in this house, surrounded by art, making art. Painting, ceramics and stained glass, light fixtures. I end up giving away almost all of my art to my friends."

Over sixty people attended the opening of the gallery. They talked about art while nibbling on hummus, veggie dip and shortbread. • Crotty got the idea for the gallery when she lived in Ireland and had her work

displayed in an art show. She advertised the show herself and spent many hours throughout the year encouraging people to display their own art.



**STORY AND
LAYOUT BY
PAM RILEY**



-Kimberly DeMarino



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ED FRIESE, SENIOR IN ACES TALKS WITH ROSEANNE BLACK, SENIOR IN FAA ABOUT SOME OF THE ART THAT SURROUNDS THEM. THE GALLERY SUPPLIED STUDENTS WITH A PLACE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM TO DISCUSS ART.

aRT OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES WAS ON DISPLAY AT THE GALLERY. THIS CANVAS BY AMY KERNAGIS WAS JUST ONE OF THE OBJECTS ADORNING THE WALLS. THE SHOW WAS OPEN TO ALL AND WAS FREE TO THE PUBLIC.



-Pete Mackay

k NOWN AS "THE PIT," THIS POPULAR PARTY HOUSE WAS A HOT SPOT FOR MANY STUDENTS. LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF FIRST AND JOHN STREETS IN CHAMPAIGN, THIS IS JUST ONE OF MANY PLACES WHERE STUDENTS COULD GO TO CONTINUE THE FUN AFTER THE BARS CLOSED.

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any of the rituals at the University of Illinois were based on tradition - football games, tailgating, the Chief, even Kam's and other campus bars. But year after year people went back to various private residences to party, creating a new partying tradition among students. • "The Pit," 709 First St. in Champaign, was one house built on tradition. Although this had not always been the location of the house, the idea was one of ROTC Marines for 25 years. "We like to provide an atmosphere of social opportunity. We got together and had a good time after home football games," said Kirk Spangenberg, senior in CBA. • "The Pit" was commonly known for "Snowblindness," a party held every year during the second week of February. More than just a small gathering, inhabitants of "The Pit" made a theme, sold T-shirts and attracted a huge crowd. • Not every house was quite

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as structured with its parties. "The weekends are no

accommodation

at many house

parties was a

comfy couch. This

gave many

party-goers an

opportunity to sit

and relax

with a beer

after a night

of standing

in a

crowded bar.

WHERE'S THE PARTY?

problem.

If someone wants to have a party, we do," said Brian Kauke, senior in Communications and resident of "The Palace," located at 112 E. John, Champaign. "It is when someone wants a party on the weekdays which needs to be discussed so it does not interfere with the other guys studying." •

"The Palace" held true to its name, housing a hot tub, sauna, bar and pool table. • With a party came the responsibilities of setting up, cleaning up, and dealing with any mishaps. "Whoever got up first or got most annoyed with the mess were the ones to clean it up," said Katie Farbotko, senior in LAS and resident of the "Hockey House," located at 1001 First Street in Champaign,

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law," said Spangenberg. "Six guys lived here and our friends helped out so that we could monitor the party and make sure that there were not too many underage drinkers, that no one left with alcohol and that no one did any crazy illegal stuff." • Even though campus bars were packed on the weekends, they were not the only place to party in Champaign. While the crowds continued the tradition at campus bars, many residents made sure their houses were the place to be.

STORY BY

MARY ANN LUBY

LAYOUT BY

ELENA ONTIVEROS



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bETWEEN CUSTOMERS, A VERY BUSY DIANE DARWISH, SENIOR IN ENGINEERING, CLEANS THE BEDS FOR HEALTH REASONS. ELECTRIC BEACH WAS A POPULAR PLACE TO TAN BECAUSE IT WAS LOCATED ON CAMPUS.



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JENNY EDWARDS, SENIOR IN LAS, FILLS OUT A FORM BEFORE GETTING A TAN AT ELECTRIC BEACH TANNING SALON ON GREEN AND FOURTH IN CHAMPAIGN. ELECTRIC BEACH, LIKE MANY TANNING PLACES, MADE YOU RECORD INFORMATION ABOUT PREVIOUS TANS.

Technology took us to many places in 1997. Students surfed the Internet, registered for classes over a computer, and tanned all year round. Tanning salons gave students the chance to keep a little bit of summer with them throughout the seasons. • The main reason people had for tanning in salons was to enhance their appearance. • "I felt like I didn't look healthy when I was pale," said Dawn Markos, senior in LAS. Markos went tanning on an average of once a week or once every two weeks. • But appearance was not the only reason students paid

for rays. "I did it for appearance, but also for relaxation," said Alison Veit, junior in LAS. "It was just like laying out in the sun." • Many students also saw a more practical use of tanning. When skin was first exposed to the sun after a season of being indoors, it could

All people who tanned were required to wear

a pair of safety goggles.

The goggles

protected your eyes from the intense

UV

radiation.

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PAM RILEY**

FAKE 'N BAKE

burn more easily. • "I went every day in May to get a head start on summer, and in December because my family always went on vacation," said Marci Petersen, sophomore in CBA. • In recent years many people have shied away from sun

worship because of the realization that the sun's rays can cause skin cancer and can enhance the signs of aging. But proponents of tanning salons said their rays were safer than those emitted by the sun. Literature given out by Sun Capsule, a tanning salon at 35 E. Green in Champaign, claimed tanning indoors was safer than being outside because it "exposed you to a scientifically controlled dosage of



-Pete MacKay

ultraviolet light, carefully formulated to tan you with a minimal risk of sunburn."

• Many, though, thought about the present and not the future. "I am aware of cancer, but I am more scared of wrinkles," said Markos. "Cancer is not something that I can see immediately happening to me." • Fear of the ultraviolet rays emitted by the tanning beds was a factor which delegated how many sessions a student purchased. • "I only bought a package of six sessions because I did not want to get addicted," said Veit. "I was worried about the negative effects, which is why I only bought the six." • In a society driven by appearance, many people went to various ends to achieve that perfect look. Aerobics, lifting weights, expensive clothes and lying in a coffin-like structure while being zapped with ultraviolet rays were just a few means to that desired end.

THE THREAT OF SKIN CANCER DID NOT SEEM TO SCARE SOME STUDENTS WHO WENT TO EXTREMES TO BECOME AS ATTRACTIVE AS POSSIBLE.



-Pete MacK

REBECA WILKINS, SENIOR IN LAS, PRACTICES A CHOP DURING WARM UPS. ALTHOUGH SOME JOINED SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES SIMPLY TO PROTECT THEMSELVES, MANY FOUND THAT THEY ENJOYED THE ACTIVITY AND BEGAN TO ATTEND CLASS REGULARLY.

TIMOTHY SEITZ, HEAD INSTRUCTOR, TOSSES "VICTIM" A. PAUL RICHARD, AS A DEMONSTRATION OF SOME ADVANCED MOVES. ALTHOUGH WATCHING WAS NOT AS MUCH FUN AS DOING THE MOVES YOURSELF, IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE STUDENTS TO LEARN SAFETY AS WELL AS SKILL.



-Pete MacK

In the midst of the intelligent and exceedingly talented freshman class of 2000 were thousands of bright, young women. These women were all quite diverse, from each woman's specific race, culture, and political beliefs to her personal experiences, religion, and expectations for the vast expanse of the University of Illinois. • There was, however, one intense drum of thought that raced through the vein of expectations for most freshman women - fear. "Is the campus safe?" is how Khalilah Shakir, freshman in LAS, verbalized her worries. "How can I protect myself?" • Khalilah was not alone in her concern. For many, coming to the U of I was their first time away from home, family, and friends. • "I remember when I was a freshman," said Taylor

Jones, sophomore in LAS. "I was leaving home for the first time. My main concern was possible altercations, theft, and accusations of sexual assault."

• Freshman women shared these fears, fear which often

Dave Brady,

sophomore in LAS,

practices a back

kick as he warms

up for his Kuk Sool

Won class.

Originated in

Korea, this

martial

art gave

strength

to mind

and body.



**STORY BY
JACELYA CLAY**

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ONTIVEROS

involved in Tae Kwan Do and Kung Fu. And the freshman women of the class of 2000 were not about to let anything get in the way of their incredible future at the University of Illinois.

BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY

resulted from the woman's vulnerable position. "These drunk guys started harassing us, and we were really scared. Suddenly, those 'Stop! Rape' signs on the sidewalk didn't seem so far from reality. On Quad Day,

I eagerly signed up for Kung Fu lessons," said Shakir. Kung Fu lessons were offered on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8-10 p.m. in IMPE's combat

room. • Although the U of I was one of the top ranked universities in the nation and can provide quite pleasant experiences, there was reason to remain cautious as a young freshman. •

Some students were more worried about safety now that they were

away from home for the first time. "Even though there is crime in my hometown, I was still afraid when I first came down here," said Carrie Emerick, freshman in LAS. "It just seems that women are more vulnerable here." • Some students carried whistles and mace, while others made sure they stayed in groups and did not walk alone at night. Others attempted to protect themselves by getting

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In an attempt to foster positive relations between American and international students, the Office of International Student Affairs sponsored a Diplomat program in which undergraduates helped advisors set-up educational and social programs during the school year. • The program was founded by OISA director Dr. Ivor Emmanuel about ten years ago. It was designed to give undergraduates an opportunity to see an area of education they are often not exposed to. • According to Assistant Director Celia Bergman, who oversaw the program, the Diplomat program promoted greater understanding between people of all backgrounds. "The interaction between foreign students and American students is an invaluable part of the program," Bergman said. "At least 3 former Diplomats are now working as advisors, so that gives you an idea of how successful the program has been for them." • According to Bergman, the admission process for the 10 Diplomats was fairly selective. Ads were printed in *The Daily Illini* and flyers were posted in residence halls. Once the

FOREIGN DIPLOMACY

pool of applicants submitted their applications, candidates were interviewed, and then took part in a large group activity in which leadership and interactive skills were evaluated. •

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"I've met so many nice and new people. The program's very well-organized and people are always willing to help others," stated Diplomat Lora Quinn, sophomore in LAS. "Coming from an Irish-American background, I'm really interested in European students," she added. • The Diplomats were assigned to specific geographic regions in which they worked closely with advisors assigned to the same regions.

Some of this year's activities included tax workshops, nationality luncheons and an international dinner and performance night. • Ashish Debroy, senior in LAS, sponsored an informational program about long distance services and calling cards at the beginning of the school year. "I joined the Diplomat program because when I came down, I was pretty lost. I did most of my schooling in India," Debroy said. "My main reason for joining the Diplomats was to help people not be as lost as I was. It's really a great program."



**The Diplomat
program helped
welcome foreign
exchange
students to the
University. They
learned about the
U of I, and also
taught others
more
about
their
cultures.**

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LAYOUT BY
ELENA ONTIVEROS**



-Paul Grano



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STUDENTS AND FACULTY TAKE TIME OUT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCE NIGHT TO ENJOY DINNER. FOODS FROM AROUND THE WORLD WERE ENJOYED BY GUESTS.

tHESE TWO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ENJOYED THE DINNER AND PERFORMANCES. STUDENTS AND FACULTY SAW PERFORMANCES INDICATIVE OF MANY DIFFERENT CULTURES.

It's your guide to the Twin Cities

(or a tale of two cities)

For those who had a car, a passion for the city's transportation or a love of walking, trips into the heart of Champaign or Urbana made living at college a little more bearable. There were loads of things to do and a ton of restaurants to eat at. When some people spoke of Chambana, they labeled it as 'the town with nothing to do.' But others were proud to have spent some time living in a community with such a diversity of attractions while maintaining friendly, small town hospitality. RIGHT: City of Champaign ticket payers knew the sight of the Champaign City Building located off Neil Street. The building was a sure sign you were in the wonderful world of downtown life.

BELOW LEFT: Home at Last was a new store specializing in glassware and other pretty decorations for the home.

BELOW RIGHT: And who in Champaign didn't make a trip out to the New Art Theater? Located next to another local favorite restaurant, The Great Impasta, the New Art Theater showed the artsier of films of the year, like "Trainspotting" and "Tide."



-Kimberly Demarino



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So what is this diversity of attractions we speak of?

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, located on Goodwin Avenue in Urbana, was considered a unique architectural achievement. It housed a concert hall, three indoor theaters, an amphitheater, rehearsal and teaching spaces and scenery, costume, properties, lighting and audio shops. With all these facilities there was no doubt something was always going on. This year performances of "Madame Butterfly," "Amadeus," "Iago's Plot" and "Moliere's School for Wives" were some of the favorites. Old favorites like studio dance, touring orchestras and the U of I concert bands also took the stage. Plus, the Promenade Gift Shop and Intermezzo Pastry Shop sold unique merchandise and served tasty desserts.

Other theaters included the Virginia Theater, where Ani DiFranco took the stage in April, the Station Theatre and the Sunshine Dinner Playhouse located at the Chancellor Hotel. Also, a campus favorite was the Armory Free Theater located on the east side of the Armory. Almost every week a student-run show was performed in the cozy space.

Not to be confused with the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, the Krannert Art Museum is the second largest art museum in Illinois, right behind the Chicago Art Museum. The Krannert Art Museum had a collection of over one thousand works of art, ranging in date from fourth millennium B.C. to the present, all displayed in nine permanent galleries.

Champaign-Urbana is home to another artist, a photographer. Larry Kanfer, whose subjects are often scenes of the places and people of central Illinois and the University of Illinois, made Champaign the home of his gallery.

The University itself housed several museums not necessarily related to art. The Museum of Natural History opened in the 1870s and exhibited collections in the fields of anthropology, botany, zoology and geology. The World Heritage Museum took a different approach. This museum opened in 1911 and took a look at humankind's development from the prehistoric to the present. Inside the museum was also the Heritage Bazaar gift shop which offered unique gifts from around the world.

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-Pete MacKay

Downtown Champaign's Cafe Kopi is an espresso bar and cafe. In the summer many students and locals were found outside snacking on soups, salads, imported cheeses, fresh crusty breads or drinking a coffee and having desserts. Others shopped at The Circles, a shoe store connected to Cafe Kopi.



-Pete MacKay

ABOVE: Radio Maria was a Cuban/Caribbean restaurant for those who were looking for something different. Their dishes included Apricot-Chile Shrimp and Mole Chicken.

BELOW: The Esquire was just one of the off-campus bars students frequented. It served the best of standard American bar



-Kimberly DeMarino



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The Elite Diner looks just like a 1950s burger joint. There was something about Urbana that took you back.

Urbana was known for its posh atmosphere and tendency to avoid the hustle of the University. Some reasons people lived in Urbana were because it was cheaper, quieter and had a lower crime rate. The streets were much darker at night, giving it the feeling of a hushed little town, rather than a city that never slept. Places to shop included Lincoln Square Mall and the many strip malls. The adage 'everything that is old is new again' was embodied in Urbana's newest cafe. The Cinema Cafe was an old movie house converted into a coffee house. It was decorated with film posters dating from Hollywood's Golden Age. The Urbana Free Library was a popular diversion from campus life because it was much easier to find books and cuddle up in a comfortable chair rather than go to one of the crowded University libraries. Though there were no movies showing at the Cinema Cafe, people could view Hollywood's latest at Thunderbird Cinema and Urbana Cinemas. Kennedy's, which was considered the nicest restaurant in town, was one of the most popular eateries in Urbana. Their specialty was fresh seafood, and they were rated a five-star restaurant. Other restaurants in Urbana included Ned Kelly's Steakhouse for those who had a taste for 'Aussie adventure and fun,' Jumer's Restaurant, where 'romance was alive,' Yen Ching, which boasted an impressive spread of Mandarin and Szechwan Chinese cooking and Galveston's Grill for those who desired chili or barbecued ribs. Night life in Urbana was much different from the campus scene. Urbana law dictated that the bar entrance age be 21, preventing most students from entering. The bars were known for their small, quaint atmosphere. The Office, Embassy Tavern, T. K. Wendl's, Rose Bowl Tavern and The Silver Bullet Bar were a few places with a lot of diversity for Urbana residents to share the night life scene with friends and family.

A number of historic sites, such as Allerton Park, Curtis Orchard and Prairie Farm gave people who wanted to get away for a day an opportunity to get in touch with nature. Allerton, probably the most notable of these, was donated to the University of Illinois in 1946. The park is a 1,769-acre country estate with native flood-plain forests and enough unplanned woods to qualify the park as a National Natural Landmark. Many students strolled through the grounds looking at sculptures and statuary from Cambodia, Thailand and China placed among the rows of flower gardens, greenhouses and sculptured hedges. Although Allerton was not technically located in Champaign (it's in Monticello), we thought we would include it in our guide to the Twin Cities anyway.

Another attraction just off the beaten path of Champaign-Urbana was located in Tuscola, just a 20 minute drive down Interstate 57. Tuscola is home to a large outlet mall. Stores ranged from Nine West to Mikasa to Reebok to Tommy Hilfiger, making a well-rounded group of outlets to satisfy any shopping need. The Tuscola mall provided a diversion from the standard Market Place Mall of Champaign, offering different stores and the outlet atmosphere.

If crowds were your thing, the Annual Cultural Arts Festival and A Taste of Champaign-Urbana were a sure stop. Sponsored by the Champaign Park District, the taste was an annual event held in August. Over 20 local restaurants made everything from beef kabobs to cheesecake to tacos to blackberry tea to Lemon shake-ups to Vietnamese iced coffee. The three entertainment stages boasted a variety of bands and music to munch along with. United Way also sponsored many events which promoted local awareness of the agencies they were affiliated with. Many people showcased their arts and crafts as well, in case the D.A.R.E. Classic Car Show and new car and truck show were not your style.

On that culinary note, Urbana hosted the annual Sweetcorn Festival, where visitors could purchase ear after ear of buttery, steaming-hot sweetcorn. The best part of it was that the corn was farm-fresh.

And we even have an airport. Willard Airport was not only the home of the U of I School of Aviation, but also a arrival and departure center for commercial jets and amateurs' planes.



-Pete MacKay

ABOVE: Considered an Urbana landmark, the Courier Cafe was known for serving tasty burgers and hand dipped shakes until midnight. It was also loved by college students because the food was inexpensive.

BELOW: What used to be a great place to view movies was converted into a great place



-Kimberly DeMarino

to grab a cup of coffee. Located on Main Street in Urbana, Cinema Espresso Cafe always had U of I students drinking coffee.

BELOW: The Office was one of the off-campus bars for those who wanted to get away from the younger crowd. Since the bar was located off-campus, the entrance age was 21.



-Kimberly DeMarino



-Pete Mackay

g RADUATES GATHER AND LINE UP ON TOP OF KRANNERT. MANY WHO HAD CLASSES OR SAW PERFORMANCES IN THE BUILDING GOT ONE LAST CHANCE TO SAY GOODBYE.

a MY DUNCAN, JODI ZELLER AND SHANDI LEMMON, ALL GRADUATES FROM FAA, GET TOGETHER FOR A PICTURE IN ALLERTON PARK. MANY STUDENTS HAVE MET PEOPLE IN COLLEGE WHO WILL END UP BEING LIFE-LONG FRIENDS.



-Pete Mackay

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raduation is the final memory most students have of college. It is the culmination of all the effort they put into their classes and the rest of their campus endeavors. The 125th Commencement ceremonies at the University of Illinois gave the graduating class their chance to be recognized. • "Our goal for each of the commencement ceremonies is that the graduates and their family and friends have a lasting, positive impression of the University," explained Babette Hiles, Director of Special Events for the Office of the

Chancellor. This included accentuating the campus's beauty and having staff available to answer questions for both students and visitors. • Although the all-school Commencement was the main focus for the Office of the Chancellor, individual school ceremonies also drew their fair share of attention. • "We realize the need for

Graduation is a time when

teachers and students come

together to reflect on the past and

wish

each

other-

good

luck for

the

future.

HATS OFF TO GRADS

a more personalized atmosphere which is why we support the smaller ceremonies," said Hiles. • The graduates appreciated the more intimate setting. • "The General

Ceremony was too long," said Brian Mangan, 1996 graduate in LAS.

"I liked the smaller one better because it was more personalized and I got to see all of my friends walk across the stage." • This year

marked James Stukel's first Commencement as President of the U of I. In honor of this occasion, the Board of Trustees pre-

sented Stukel with the Badge of the University. An Honorary Doctrine of Science was given to M.C.

Fisher, President of Kodak Company. Fisher also gave this year's commencement address. • For

many people, graduation was also a time for nostalgia. "When I walked

across the stage, I felt a sense of pride. I

had accomplished my goal of graduat-

ing. I had finally made it," said Brett

Booth, 1996 graduate in Engineering. •

But it was not only the graduates who

were moved by the ceremony. "It was

sad to see all of my friends and class-

mates graduate when I still had a

semester to go," said

Amanda Wojcik, senior in LAS. • Whether it was hearing their name called at an individual school ceremony or listening to congratulations at the all-school Commencement, the 1996 graduation ceremonies gave students closure to their college careers and recognition that was a long time in coming.

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-Pete MacKay

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-Charles Cas

a DOPT-A
GRANDPARENT
COORDINATOR
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CARBAJAL LAUGHS WITH CAROLINE SCOTT. AS PART OF THE PROGRAM, STUDENTS HELPED COORDINATE AND RUN A FRIENDLY GAME OF BINGO WITH ENTHUSIASTIC ELDERLYS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS.



-Charles Ca

SARAH KARELA READS AND SINGS A HYMN WITH CAROLINE SCOTT DURING A TUESDAY NIGHT VISIT. VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT PROGRAM HAD THE OPTION OF DONATING THEIR TIME ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, OR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS.

The U of I had many community service projects such as soup kitchens and fund raisers. Volunteer Illini Projects took one project to a higher level. The Senior Citizens Project was involved in getting the elderly out of their rooms and participating in various activities with University of Illinois students. • All of the activities centered around one goal which was outlined in their mission statement: "As representatives of the U of I, we provide service to seniors in the community through our visits and special events. In this way we wish to enhance their lives by creating an environment of dignity, respect, love, support and awareness." Many volunteers had this and other, more personal goals. • "The major goal was to get the elderly involved. We tried to get them

Many students participated in the Adopt-a-Grandparent Program. Here, Sarah Karela, junior in ACES, shares her time with Caroline Scott at a retirement home in Urbana.

out more, brighten up their day and put a smile across their face," said

GOOD OL' BUDDIES

Natalie Harris, junior in ALS. • The volunteers for this project provided happiness with their many activities such as visits, clean-ups, and holiday celebrations. "We visited senior citizens on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We also made in-house visits where we went and visited the elderly

in their houses once a week. There was also a community clean-up,"

said Shelby Feinberg, sophomore in LAS. "We also did special projects around the holidays. Around Halloween, we went and painted pumpkins with the elderly, and on Valentine's Day we handed out flowers and candy." • One of the most prominent activities sponsored by VIP was a senior citizen prom, which played music from their era. The volunteers and elderly came together to interact, dance

and have fun. • Not only did this project provide community service to the elderly, but it also created some unforgettable lessons, experiences and friendships. "I struck up a friendship with a

lady at Carle Arbours Nursing Home. Just going and talking to her each week really gave me a sense that we are all people and sooner or later we are all going to be in the same situation," said Tabitha Tile, junior in Communications. "That is what awareness means to me. You realize they were once young like us. She passed away this summer. She was more than just someone I visited, she was a friend to me."



-Charles Cass

VOLUNTEER ILLINI PROJECTS HELPED TO BRING TOGETHER YOUNG AND OLD AROUND THE UNIVERSITY'S CAMPUS.

STORY BY SAMANTHA GUNAWARDENE LAYOUT BY ELENA ONTIVEROS

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ll it took was one look at the pictures of the high school Homecoming date to remind us that looks aren't everything. While there may be a secret supermodel or Hollywood heartthrob lurking in all of us, these University of Illinois students found that beauty was only part of the equation. The Urbana-Champaign campus was the home for two Miss Illinois contenders. Deanna Riddle, freshman in LAS, was crowned Miss Cook County, and Stacy Smudrick, senior in LAS, was crowned

Miss Southern Illinois and Miss Illinois First Runner Up. • Though the contestants were judged in the areas of swimsuit, evening gown, talent and interview, the latter two categories were weighted twice as heavily as the first two. "A contestant must read to keep up on current events and study a platform project to advocate during her reign," said Riddle. By studying her platform, Riddle became more aware of issues surrounding multicultural education. Smudrick agreed that preparation was the key. "I really prepared for it well. A lot of emphasis is placed on your interview and volunteer work," she said. Smudrick's platform was based on the disabled. Among many other volunteering projects, she helped promote awareness of the Special Olympics all over the state. • But preparation for the serious issues was not

the only preparation involved. The fact still remains that contestants spend many hours achieving a flattering look. Dawn Carriel, freshman in LAS, and friend of Riddle, said, "It was interesting to watch her in the process of getting ready and seeing the pictures and the gowns." •

Although pageants such as the Miss America program have come under scrutiny as acts of sexism and exploita-

NOT JUST SKIN DEEP

tion, these contestants do not feel that they have been degraded as women. "They allow women to display their intelligence, beauty, talent and athleticism," said Riddle. Last year the swimsuit portion of the competition was hotly debated, but was voted to remain a part of the whole competition. "I definitely see

You may have unknowingly sat next to Miss

TWO STUDENTS DISCOVERED WHAT IT TOOK TO BE A BEAUTY PAGEANT WINNER.

its place," said Smudrick, "because it shows confidence and physical fitness.

You have to be a healthy person if you win." • In fact, Riddle believed the pageants helped her develop skills she will need in her life after college. "Pageants have

increased my self-confidence and communication skills," she said, which will help her with her future plans to get into the entertainment industry or public office. Carriel joked, "If [Riddle] wins and becomes famous, I can say, 'That was my roommate!'" • Both women have had a broad experience. "I have learned that sometimes you have to learn to lose in order to know what it takes to win," said Riddle when asked what she would take from her years with the pageants. Smudrick added, "I've learned so much, but the main thing is that being from a small town, I've learned how much people support each other." Both women planned to continue competing in pageants.



Southern Illinois or Miss Cook County.

**STORY BY SHELLEY KREPICH
LAYOUT BY PAM RILEY**

ONCE STACEY SMUDRICK BECAME MISS SOUTHERN ILLINOIS, SHE HAD TO GET USED TO MAKING PUBLIC APPEARANCES. HERE SMUDRICK TALKS TO SOME FANS AT THE MISS ILLINOIS PAGEANT.



STACEY SMUDRICK (MISS SOUTHERN ILLINOIS) AND DEANNA RIDDLE (MISS COOK COUNTY) STAND NEXT TO EACH OTHER DURING A MISS ILLINOIS PUBLIC APPEARANCE. PHOTOS COURTESY OF SMUDRICK.

SMUDRICK TWIRLS HER BATON AT THE MISS ILLINOIS PAGEANT. SHE HAS BEEN TWIRLING SINCE THE AGE OF SIX.

STUDENT LIFE



A dilemma which had plagued the U of I campus for years was the bar entrance age. Should underage students be able to go into the bars and socialize but not drink, or should going out to the bars solely be a privilege of 21-year olds?

SHOULD THE BAR ENTRANCE AGE REMAIN AT 19?

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Karen Hawkins
senior in LAS

There is more than one way to skin a cat.

As a vegetarian-cat owner, I'm generally opposed to using this phrase, but I can appreciate the sentiment: for a determined person, there is more than one way to do anything.

In the context of the debate over whether or not to raise the Champaign bar entrance age from 19 to 21, this phrase applies perfectly to local lawmakers who are trying so hard to keep the underaged away from alcohol.

When it came to drinking on campus, there was more than one way, and more importantly, more than one place to do it.

The fact of the matter was, raising the bar entrance age would not act as a deterrent from underage drinking. If the age went up, some local politicians have proposed, underage drinkers would just go elsewhere to do their drinking. Unfortunately, "elsewhere" often meant unsupervised house and apartment parties, where the alcohol flows freely and

indiscriminately.

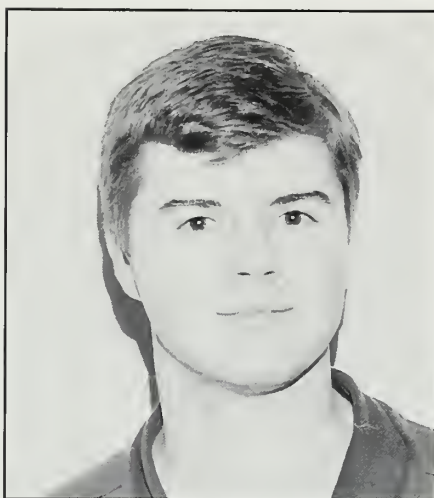
Arguably, many bar-goers ended up at these parties after the bars closed at 1 a.m. regardless. For others, though, drinking ended when the bars closed, sending them home with crowds of other people. At 1 a.m., the buses were still running and people usually radiated out from campus bars in groups. Parties, on the other hand, did not have closing times. People could go to them and drink well into the morning, when the buses were no longer running and when a majority of campus crimes and assaults occurred. If the bar entrance age went up, people would go to parties even earlier to maximize their drinking time.

Bars, at least, had some semblance of supervision. Bouncers were there to break up fights and kept an eye on suspicious behavior. Parties offered no such protection.

Also, as unbelievable as it seems, there were actually people who went to the bars who did not drink. Are lawmakers ready to punish non-drinkers under 21 who went to the bars to dance or hang out? Are they ready to offer alternatives to the bars where people can get a comparable atmosphere without alcohol? For many on campus, going to the bars was the only attractive social activity in town. What would these people do if the bars were no longer an option?

If police did their job, people under 21 would be kept from drinking and still be able to enter the bars. Somewhere there is a way to keep underage people from drinking; raising the bar entrance age was not it.

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Robert Stringham
senior in LAS

Now that I am 21-years old, I realize the bar age is an important issue. The bar age had been an issue during my four years here, but of course, being underage, I wanted to enter the bars.

Things have changed now. I am older, and realize that if you entered a bar, you were there to drink, and it was illegal for the underage to drink, so they should not have been allowed to enter.

U of I police raided many bars during my four years here, and fortunately I was not a victim. But I could have been. I am sick of listening to people complain about the injustice of the system. If you were under 21 and were caught, you had to pay the fine, no complaints, no excuses. But all I heard were students complaining about how it was unfair that police were preying on innocent students. Actually, they were trying to protect us.

Students knew the risks. The *Daily Illini* listed names almost every month of the unfortunate who were caught. Students also knew about the fines. No one

should have complained. The problem was bar owners who wanted to make money and figured they would make more money if more students entered their bars.

A complaint many students had was that being within the reach of alcohol was cause for arrest. How many times had you heard of students who actually were not drinking though? If someone can honestly say they were not drinking, I am sure the police would have obliged and not fined them. This usually was not a norm.

People believed police needed to focus on issues like crime and rape. These were important issues, but underage drinking was just as important and could have led to many problems including sexual assault and drinking and driving.

If people wanted to drink in a bar, it was easily accessible. So the only solution would be making the bar age 21. Bar raids would be few and far between. and far between.

Columnists
volunteered their
opinions on a variety
of subjects featured
at the end of each
section in this book.
Editorials reflect the
views of the individual
columnists

campus news



November 11: An incident in L.A.R. during Homecoming Week was responsible for a series of multicultural programs targeted towards cultural awareness. Some residents took offense to a display on a residence floor, which depicted an African jungle in which African-Americans were portrayed by black garbage bags with over-exaggerated features. A multicultural issues program was targeted at dormitories to address students' reactions and concerns about racism on campus.

June 5: Green Street received a face-lift over the summer when it was repaved from Wright to Neil streets. The city spent \$126,000 on the Asphalt Overlay Project. Green Street was driven on by 10,000 cars daily and an unlimited amount of pedestrians walked on it. Poor weather and salt were the cause of the demise of Green Street, which has led to numerous potholes. In a few years, Green Street and its buildings will be completely refurbished.

June 28: C-U officials recognized June 28 as Gay Pride Day, which will be set aside annually to celebrate the rights and accomplishments of the gay community in Champaign and Urbana. The theme of this year's day was "Pride Without Borders," which promoted both gay and lesbian issues. The idea was decided on by mayors of both Champaign and Urbana.

September 11: First the bar located on Fourth and Green Streets was O'Malley's and then it was Six Feet Under. This year, the location turned into Chubby's Pub. The name change was made in an attempt to brighten up its image. It got its name from a drink called "Papa Chubby," which was touted as the finest drink on campus by bar owners.

September 16: The highly anticipated Dave Mathews show was canceled due to a death in the family of band member Stefan Lessard. The concert was postponed until December 2.



September 19: Bikers were irritated this year because of the number of tickets handed out for riding on the Quad, the lack of bike racks on campus and the need for improved bike paths. Tickets were new to campus and many students felt now they could not even ride their bikes without fear of being ticketed.

October 1: A resident who was taking a shower in an Illinois Street Residence Hall bathroom had her privacy invaded when a male intruder entered the bathroom. Prior to entering the bathroom, the man also entered an ISR room. This occurrence questioned residence hall security across campus. In response, residence halls held safety meetings and sent letters to all students in residence halls regarding safety tips.

September 25: Advertisements concerning rape on campus caused a stir in Allen Residence Hall. The ads portrayed a woman with her shirt unbuttoned, which bared her chest, and a bikini bottom with the caption: "If at first you don't succeed, buy her another beer." Hall officials claimed to have put up the posters to cause curiosity and concern, which would lure students to come to the meetings regarding rape on campus.

January 11: Martin Neal, freshman in LAS, was the victim of a fatal shooting in Champaign. One suspect was arrested in connection to the incident, but more arrests followed.

Local News Highlights

TORNADOES TARGET URBANA

A tornado touched down in Urbana and Ogden, killing one person and damaging the surrounding areas of Milmine, Bement and Monticello.

The damage to Urbana alone was estimated between \$7 million and \$11 million.

The storm hit 112 homes and businesses. Twenty-four of these homes were completely destroyed and another 30 were rendered unlivable.

Mary Lou Liard, 55 of La Plata, MO, was the woman who died in the storm. She was traveling down Interstate 74 with her husband when the tornado picked up her semi-trailer truck. She was thrown 30 yards from the truck.

Local News Highlights

THE POLITICS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCHOLARSHIPS

The State Legislature approved a measure last Spring which required lawmakers to report the names of General Assembly Scholarship winners.

This would make awarding scholarships to children of friends or political supporters a violation of state law.

In February of 1996, Champaign's local paper, the *News-Gazette* reported at least one of every five General Assembly scholarships awarded to certain state colleges went to relatives of political supporters or to students outside the legislators' districts.

Despite pressure from reformers, legislators refused to get rid of the controversial scholarships.

September 16: IMPE celebrated its 25th anniversary on campus and was expanded to better serve students. The grand openings of the Campus Recreation Outdoor Center and the Multiplex Fields were held during the festivities. The Campus Recreation Center was equipped with camping equipment, in-line skates and mountain bikes; it also had athletic fields. The Multiplex Fields were used for everything from lacrosse to Frisbee© to soccer. They were located on Pennsylvania Avenue while the Campus Recreation Outdoor Center is located by IMPE.

October 5: Champaign and Urbana police departments warned students about the increased risks of underage drinking and driving under the influence. Police cars were equipped with cameras in an attempt to catch drunk drivers. This provision was made in an attempt to prosecute people more easily in court and to deter people from drinking and driving. They also warned students about bar raids, which made students within the reach of alcohol liable for underage drinking.

October 2: IUB favored the privatization of the Union because of the problems with food service at Union Park. It recommended bringing in commercial restaurants to the Union because it would be the best way to have a "top-notch food service," one official said.

October 6: Illinois Secretary of State George Ryan unveiled new U of I collegiate license plates which were used in to fund scholarship programs and demonstrated school spirit for students and alums across the state. The plates cost \$40 more than the average license plate during the first year, and \$27 more each year.





October 2: MTD expanded and modified its bus services this year, making traveling across campus easier for students. Buses ran later and more often this year to reduce the number of students walking home alone late at night and to make life more convenient for students.

October 29: A group of students gathered at Turner Hall to protest a racial incident. The incident included racial slurs targeted at Indian students. The students also had a bottle thrown at them. This was one of many racial incidents which led to the "Month of Mourning."

November 13: In an effort to maintain public awareness of racist events on campus, a "Month of Mourning" was proclaimed in November which lasted until the middle of December. The event was symbolized by supporters wearing black armbands. The Month of Mourning was a protest against any institutional policy that allowed racial discrimination. It was an opportunity for student supporters to convey sympathy for victims and others who suffered from racial discrimination on campus.

November 19: Diane Sawyer, a nationally recognized television journalist, was selected to speak at the 1997 graduation commencement ceremony.

December 11: The Champaign Liquor Advisory Commission discussed the possibility of changing the city's policy on "drink specials." They met because 65% of crime on campus was alcohol related. They believed a possible solution would be to either raise the bar age to 21 or to simply take away drink specials at campus-town bars. The possibility of regulating campus-town bars was an issue for the entire year.

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OPINIONS

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Classes at the University of Illinois range in size from small discussions to large lectures. Foellinger is one building on campus that holds classes of over one thousand students.
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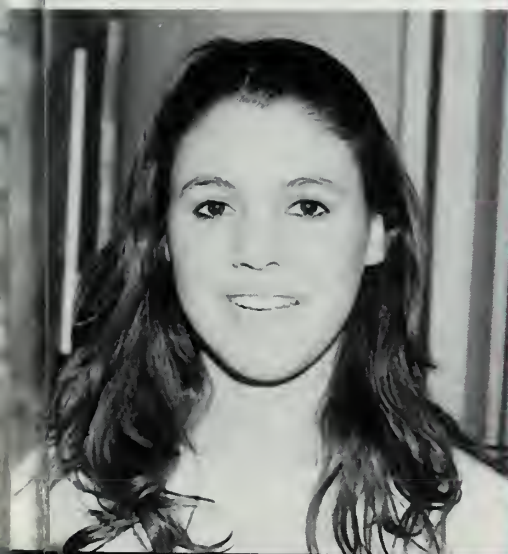


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"To thy Happy Children of the Future: Those of the Past send Greetings" welcomes 5,000 new students every year and sends 5,000 on their way. The Alma Mater stands proud at the path that leads students into the heart of campus. Over the last four years, that path has led to many changes in every one of us. For most it was a good education and life-long friends. The U of I helped shape the opinions and characteristics of who we are today and who we will be ten years from now. Our education started in the classroom but spread to all aspects of life.

**"Too often we...enjoy the comfort of
opinion without the discomfort of thought."
-John F. Kennedy**

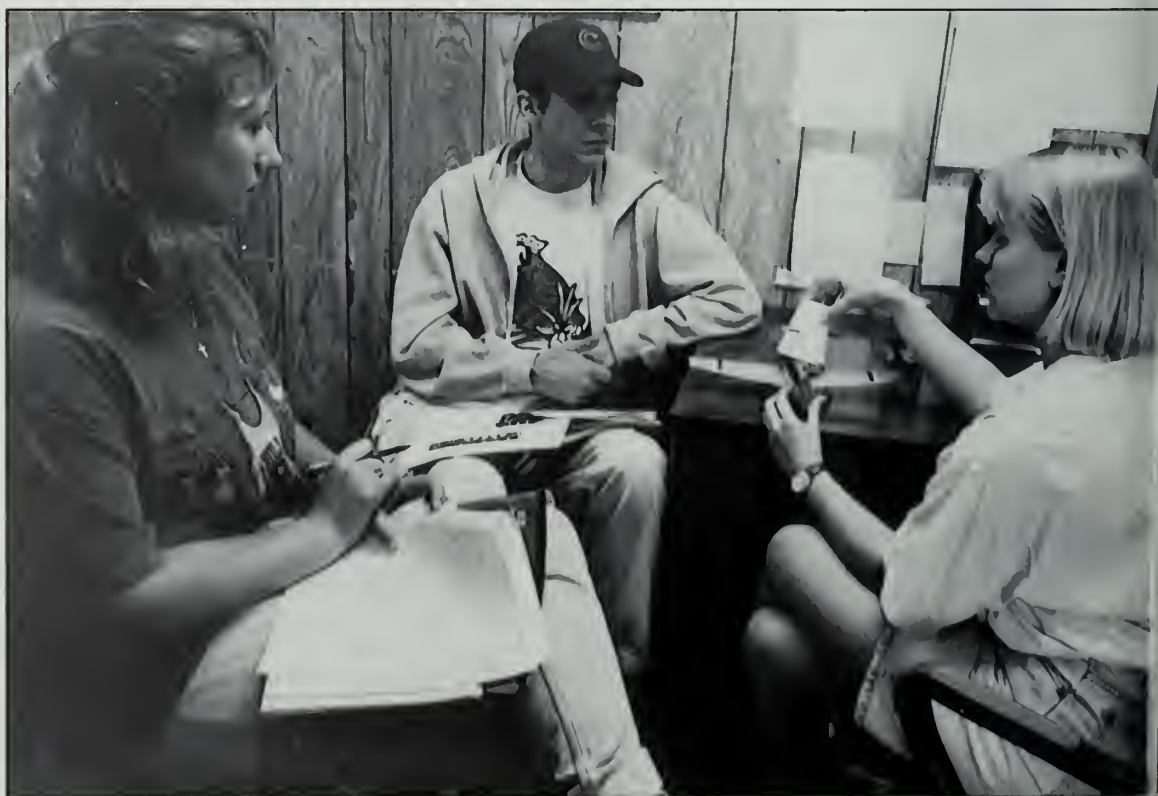
Events that happened on campus such as "Take Back the Night" and women empowerment classes allowed for students to see more than just the U of I's opinion on issues, but society as well. ACES and Engineering Open Houses gave us a chance to see what we learned. We worked together in teams and collaborated each other's ideas to make a flower show or a Robotics demonstration at EOH. Our diverse student body helped us welcome differences and embrace many ideas. The parties, clubs and games may have made college interesting, but an education is what we came for. At the Office of Study Abroad, The Career Services Center, lecture halls and professors' offices, we learned things that molded us into what we are today. That same education is what will give us the power to open doors in the real world and work toward a better tomorrow-our tomorrow.





-PETE MACKAY

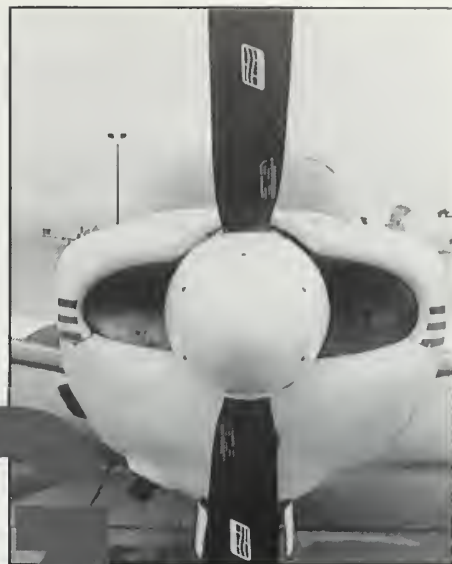
Marika Soot, junior in Aviation, runs through her preflight check before embarking on a short training exercise. The exercise is a short flight around the Willard Airport flight pattern. "That's mostly what we do here," she said.



-PETE MAC

Chris Haupt and Rob Chevaleau, both juniors in Aviation, receive instruction from Heather Lumma, a full-time instructor who graduated from the U of I aviation program. Using a styrofoam cup and pencil, they are learning the intricacies of instrument approach procedure.

Story by Christy Fox Layout by Pam Riley



SURFING THE SKIES

"I applied to eight different universities with about half having flight programs. I chose the University of Illinois for its reputation and diversity of other opportunities."

-Tetsuya Sato, sophomore in the Institute of Aviation.

**TO GET A
PILOTS
LICENSE,
STUDENTS
TURN TO
THEIR
DREAMS
AND THEIR
WALLETS.**

Here was his opportunity. Ryan Labeube could see from his altitude of 3,500 feet a sea of corn and bean fields. Somewhere in the midst of the amber waves was the landing strip. After this flight, he had completed his mission.

Labeube, like several University of Illinois students, was flying a four-seater Cessna aircraft in his Aviation 120 class. The Institute of Aviation offered a two-course program to allow a student to obtain his or her pilots license.

"I was interested in other schools, but some of their programs were intensely aviation-only. I didn't want that. The University of Illinois offers other options in its curriculum," stated Ryan Labeube, sophomore in Aviation.

What set apart the U of I's aviation program from other universities and Big Ten schools for several of the new pilots was the myriad of educational possibilities. "I applied to eight different universities with about half having flight programs. I chose the University of Illinois for its reputation and diversity of other opportunities," said Tetsuya Sato, sophomore in Aviation.

Aviation 101 and Aviation 120 presented the education and hands-on experience required to receive the license. While these courses were available for virtually any student, they did not come without a price tag. Aviation 101 ran at \$2,397 and Aviation 120 cost \$3,071 for the 1996-1997 semesters. This includes at least 59 hours of flight training as a pilot or observer in Cessna airplanes, in addition to time in flight simulators and in the classroom.

Many who graduated from the Institute of Aviation went on to become commercial pilots, air traffic controllers, or chief pilots of colleges and universities. "The University of Illinois has a quality flight program and a quality degree. They provide opportunity for career movement and placement," said Michael Ferrero, instructor in Aviation, and U of I graduate.

Amidst Morrow Plots and Beckman, aviation offered an alternative to the norm while promoting educational opportunities that were sky high.

During the Agriculture Open House, the Chinese pig exhibit was one of the most visited displays. Children and adults of all ages could pet the newly born piglets. These piglets are offspring of swine originally donated from China as a gift to the U of I Animal Science Department.

Spectators gathered at the Stock Pavillion to get a sneak peek at the programs the University of Illinois had to offer. Here visitors looked at many technological advances relating to agriculture. They also had fun playing with animals.



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Story by Ben Hoyle Layout by Pam Riley



-CHARLES CASS

NOT JUST FARMERS

"We are trying to educate the public about how important the college is to everyone in society."

-Barry Kleckler, senior in ACES.

**THE COLLEGE
WITH A NEW NAME
STILL DRAWS OVER
20,000 PEOPLE
TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT
AGRICULTURE
AT THEIR
ANNUAL
OPEN HOUSE.**

Until recently, ACES, the college of Agricultural Consumer and Environmental Science, was known to common folk as the College of Agriculture. The college expanded the name, however, to more accurately represent the areas it covered.

Interesting sights at the Open House included a cow with a surgically implanted portal that offered curious onlookers a chance to put their hand inside one of its four stomachs. One participant, John Briga, said, "I was pretty scared that I might touch something that was alive in there, but it was pretty much just slimy." John, an eleven-year-old from Iowa, had come with the rest of his family to see the wonders at the seventh annual ACES Open House.

There were a variety of displays and exhibits for the public to see. The ACES computer center in Ornamental Horticulture was opened to show how valuable computers are to people who work in the fields of agricultural, consumer, and environmental sciences. Barry Kleckler, senior in ACES, said, "We are trying to educate the public about how important the college is to everyone in society. Too many people picture these disciplines as being for farmers, but it's actually much more inclusive."

Besides the countless fliers and pamphlets, some booths were giving away some surprises. The Department of Wood Utilization had acorns carved from oak; the Soils Department was giving away earth worms; the Crop Sciences Department was giving away soybeans in cups full of soil; and the Illini Foresters were giving away Eastern White Pine seedlings. "I just came up to see a friend, but I saw the trees and I had to have one. I'm going to plant it in my back yard at home", said Christine Michonski, senior in LAS.

All in all, the ACES open house was a great success. School groups, alumni, students, families and professors were able to come together and share their experiences.

Greg Cunningham, sophomore in FAA, continues his work of a student model with various materials which are used to provide samples of the human anatomy. Life drawing encompasses a vast array of different medias. Not only do the students make use of the familiar paint and graphite, they also get the chance to experiment with craypas, pastels, charcoal, and oil paints.



-CHARL CASSE

Pei-gi Hsin, Vincent Godinez, and Matt Green, students in FAA, busily work on their pictures for Life Drawing I. The only limits students have is their own creative imagination.



Story by Gretchen Blount Layout by Pam Riley



CHARLES CASS

REAL LIFE PLAYBOY?

*"This class has taught me to ignore all that
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-Josh Goldberg, senior in FAA.

**MANY STUDENTS
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ANY CLASS
WHERE NUDES
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BUT THERE IS
MORE TO LIFE
DRAWING THAN
NAKED BODIES.**

To many students, the thought of getting credit while gazing at naked figures seems too enjoyable to be feasible. However, Life Drawing was required for all students enrolled as Art & Design majors. This three-hour-class taught the fundamentals of art, such as the importance of line variation, dynamics, the conversion of three-dimensional objects to two-dimensional on paper, and how to create your own personal style.

Along with developing their own artistic potentials, students study famous artists and their works, while tracing the development of drawing the human form. "We focus on the form, movement of the figure, we don't just stare at their nakedness," declared Kirsten Pearson, junior in FAA. Each class was kept to a maximum of twenty students to keep the atmosphere more personal.

Contrary to popular belief, most students did not get distracted.

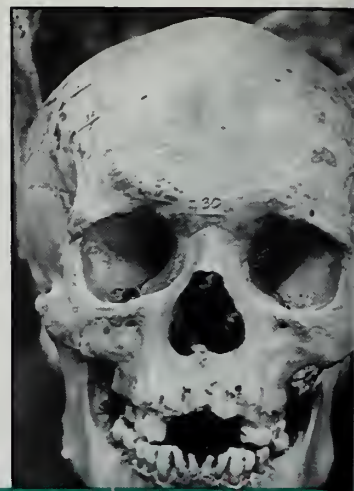
"The first week you are in class and you see a naked person standing in front of you, you are basically awe-struck. But, after a week or two, you begin to realize the model in front of you is just something ordinary to draw, and it almost becomes fun," said Pearson. "We all realize that you have to be mature about the fact that there is a nude model in front of you, and we act accordingly."

Due to the students' need to practice a variety of forms and dynamics, there were no stereotypical or ideal models. Both male and female models were utilized, all with varying ages, features and body types.

"With all the media images surrounding the human body, many people can't help but feel insecure. This class has taught me to ignore all that and has helped me find beauty where most people find flaws," commented Josh Goldberg, senior in FAA.

Life drawing was many art majors favorite class due to the vast amounts of basic skills they acquired and experience gained by meticulously analyzing the human form. Unfortunately, it was open solely to students registered in FAA.

Story by Gretchen Blount Layout by Pam Riley



'DEAD'ICATED TO SCIENCE

"I actually really enjoyed dissection. It really didn't smell as bad as my friends had warned."

-Arthur Tokarczyk, senior in LAS.

**FROM DEAD
RATS TO DEAD
BODIES,
APPLIED LIFE
SCIENCE
MAJORS GOT
HANDS ON
TRAINING.**

Dissecting a small rat has made knees weak and turned complexions shades of chartreuse. But to students enrolled in CSB 234, a simple rat lab paled in comparison to their required lab, a human.

While students did not actually dissect the human cadaver, they spend their lab observing and analyzing a human subject and all its structures, systems, muscles and bones. The body served as a real-life example and provided more realistic, hands-on experience than studying a textbook and reviewing notes from their 8 a.m. lectures.

Usually, the students' initial reaction to seeing the cadaver was one of uneasiness or even repulsion. However, after spending more and more time with the subject, students eased up and became more comfortable.

"It wasn't too bad for me, but at first most students are apprehensive. Eventually, they relax a lot more. What really gets everyone at first is the terrible smell," stated Jim LeDuc, sophomore in ALS.

The laboratory sections were kept rather small, with an enrollment of no larger than twenty per class due to the need for a more personalized environment and an increased necessity for student-teacher interaction.

"I actually really enjoyed dissection," stated Arthur Tokarczyk, senior in LAS. "It really didn't smell as bad as my friends had warned."

While many students dreaded class, it was required for most students in the Applied Life Studies curriculum.

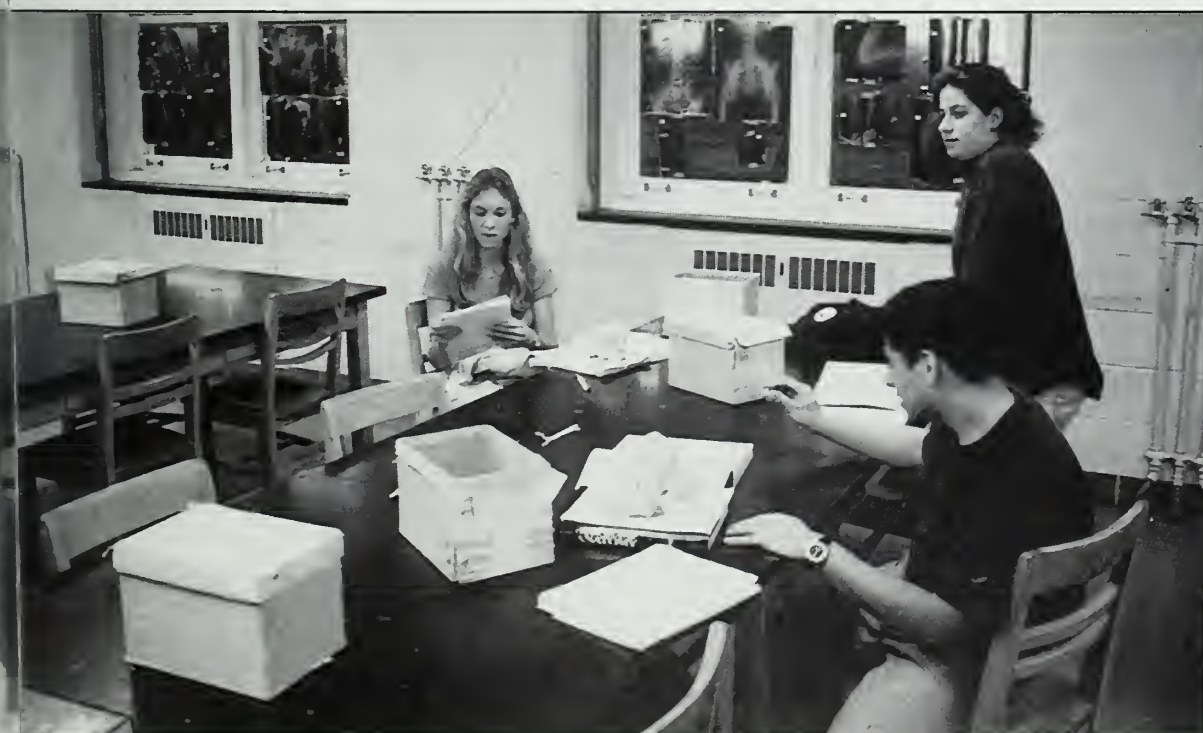
"I don't know if I will be able to handle taking this class next semester," stated Elizabeth Tichler, junior in ALS. "I almost cried twice during my rat dissection lab in Human Physiology 103, and that was just a rat, not an actual person."

The mood of the class was not morbidly somber, however. Students tried to treat this lab just like any other dissection.



-PETE MACKAY

Emily Jungheim, senior in LAS, examines a pseudo-skull, paying close attention to every little bone and protrusion. The skull alone has some 50 different features students must know.



-PETE MACKAY

Students are divided into small groups so everyone can learn. Emily Jungheim, senior in LAS, Marny Leavitt, junior in Nursing, and Mario Zelaya, senior in LAS, sit for class to start by checking over their notebooks. The class was getting ready for a quiz.

These people show the traditional dress of their tribes. Some clothes have been handed down through generations.

This boy prepares for the ceremony, proving age was not a prerequisite.



Two people in full regalia demonstrate a traditional Native American dance. Not all dances were allowed to be danced by those not in proper clothing.

A long-shot shows the set-up of the pow-wow. Pow-wows are arranged so that everyone is in a circle because the circle is sacred in Native American culture.



A **Tradition Realized:** University of Illinois gets its first taste of Native American culture. It was a real educational experience and a good time.

Story by Shelley Krepich • Layout by Pam Riley • Photos by Pete MacKay

For the first time in the history of University of Illinois, an authentic pow-wow was held. On the day of September 28, 1996, students, faculty, staff and community members circled together in the Armory to celebrate in this Native American tradition. The First Annual Circle of Honor Pow-Wow was organized by the Native American Student Organization (NASO), and events lasted through the afternoon and into the night.

Traditionally, 'pow-wow' was an Algonquin term for a curing ceremony where medicine men and spiritual leaders gathered. Though it still retained its spiritual meaning, over time, the pow-wow became more of a social event for all Native American people. The purpose of the pow-wow is to honor the creator, and the songs and dances reflect this intent. Pow-wows are usually held on reservation communities to honor important occasions and to give awards and recognition. It is a time to evaluate and celebrate traditions and friendships.

The pow-wow at U of I was a time of celebration as well as a time of education. Presently, there is no curriculum at U of I for Native American culture or history. The organizers, specifically targeting the university community, hoped that this type of gathering would be an introduction to Native American culture. "We wanted to begin educating people on native dance and authentic dress so they could see what our culture was about," said Karen Roberts-Strong, graduate student and president of NASO. Aimee Mendoza, senior in Education and member of NASO, explained that their purpose was to educate, not indoctrinate. "We did not want to do something political, but rather something that could be a sharing, learning experience," she said. The pow-wow was not only designated for those Native Americans in the area, but also for non-Native Americans and Native Americans who were not familiar with their culture. Josh Meeks, sophomore in LAS, was a member of the pow-wow planning committee. Meeks, who is part Cherokee, said, "I did not grow up with that background, and I was interested in exploring that part of me here."

The events at the Circle of Honor Pow-Wow included dancing, singing, eating, socializing, an address by Chancellor Michael Aiken and an invocation led by Chief Ben Winneshiek, spiritual leader of the Ho-Chunk Nation and great uncle of NASO member Bill Winneshiek. The 44 dancers performed traditional Native American dances from many different tribes. Not all dances were open to the general public, and these dances were performed only by the official dancers in the full regalia. The participants also included singers, whose songs honored the veterans of the tribes, the Native Americans who fought in wars, and individual people who were being recognized for special reasons. At the heart of the singing and dancing were the drums. The Circle of Honor Pow-Wow included four drums, including one national drum award-winner.

The pow-wow's organizers, as well as the participants and audience members, believed the night was a success. NASO estimated the turn-out well into the thousands. "We were tickled," said Bill Winneshiek, junior in LAS. "We had no idea so many people would come." Although the numbers were high, the atmosphere was close. "It was an educational experience for the community as a whole," Meeks said of the event, "since most of the audience was not a part of the Native American community." Chancellor Aiken indicated that he liked the turn-out and would be willing to work cooperatively with NASO in the future.

Although she was a graduating senior, Mendoza said, "This is something I will always come back for." The non-graduating members of NASO looked forward to planning next year's event as well as gaining more support.





-CHARLES CASS

Story by Adam Slahor Layout by Pam Riley

A CRASH COURSE

"The design contest was the biggest highlight. It was jam-packed every day. You could tell the contestants were really having fun."

-Courtney Acker, senior in Engineering.

**THE 76TH
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Most students pulling all-nighters last semester were studying for midterms, writing that big English paper or preparing for that Chemistry lab they knew about for weeks. Most engineers had other things on their minds- "Re-engineering the World", to be exact.

Main attractions at the open house included the "wasteland" college design competition. Teams constructed vehicles with both offensive and defensive capabilities. The vehicles attempted to locate and collect foam blocks. The best vehicles faced off for a brutal combat in a demolition round.

"The design contest was the biggest highlight," said Courtney Acker, senior in Engineering and a member of the EOH Central Committee. "It was jam-packed every day. The participants were out for each other as well as the blocks. You could tell the contestants were really having fun."

For the first time ever, three of the department's research laboratories opened their doors to a hands-on demonstration of how professors and graduates do state-of-the-art research. Displays at the open house included a paper boat contest for all ages; "Manufacturing Tomorrow" which demonstrated different aspects of manufacturing, computer technology, and machine interaction; and "Technology for a Better Environment", which focused on freeing the environment from the effects of CFCs and poor air quality.

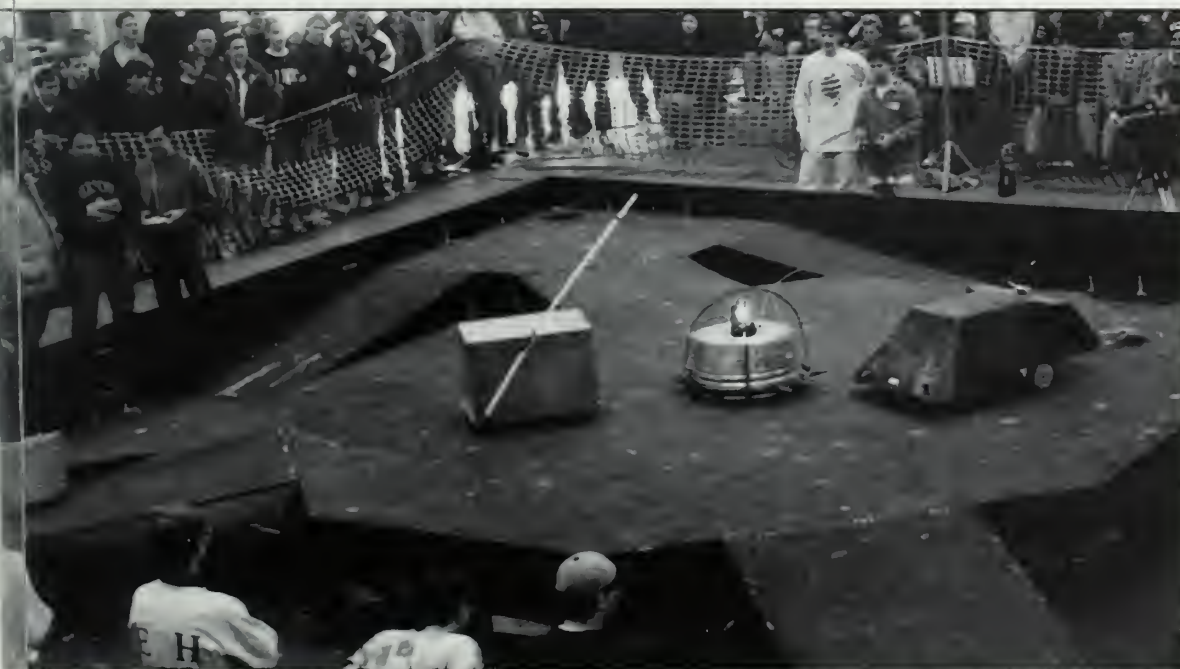
"We did highlight more individual projects than in the past," stated Jeremy Knopow, junior in Engineering and member of the EOH Central Committee. "Overall it was a great show. Things ran smoothly."

This was not surprising considering the U of I ranked number two overall in a recent poll of Engineering schools. Tim Zayed, junior in Engineering, believed the school deserves the recognition.

"I think it goes to show the quality and dedication of our faculty and students and how much support we get from the University as a whole," Zayed stated.



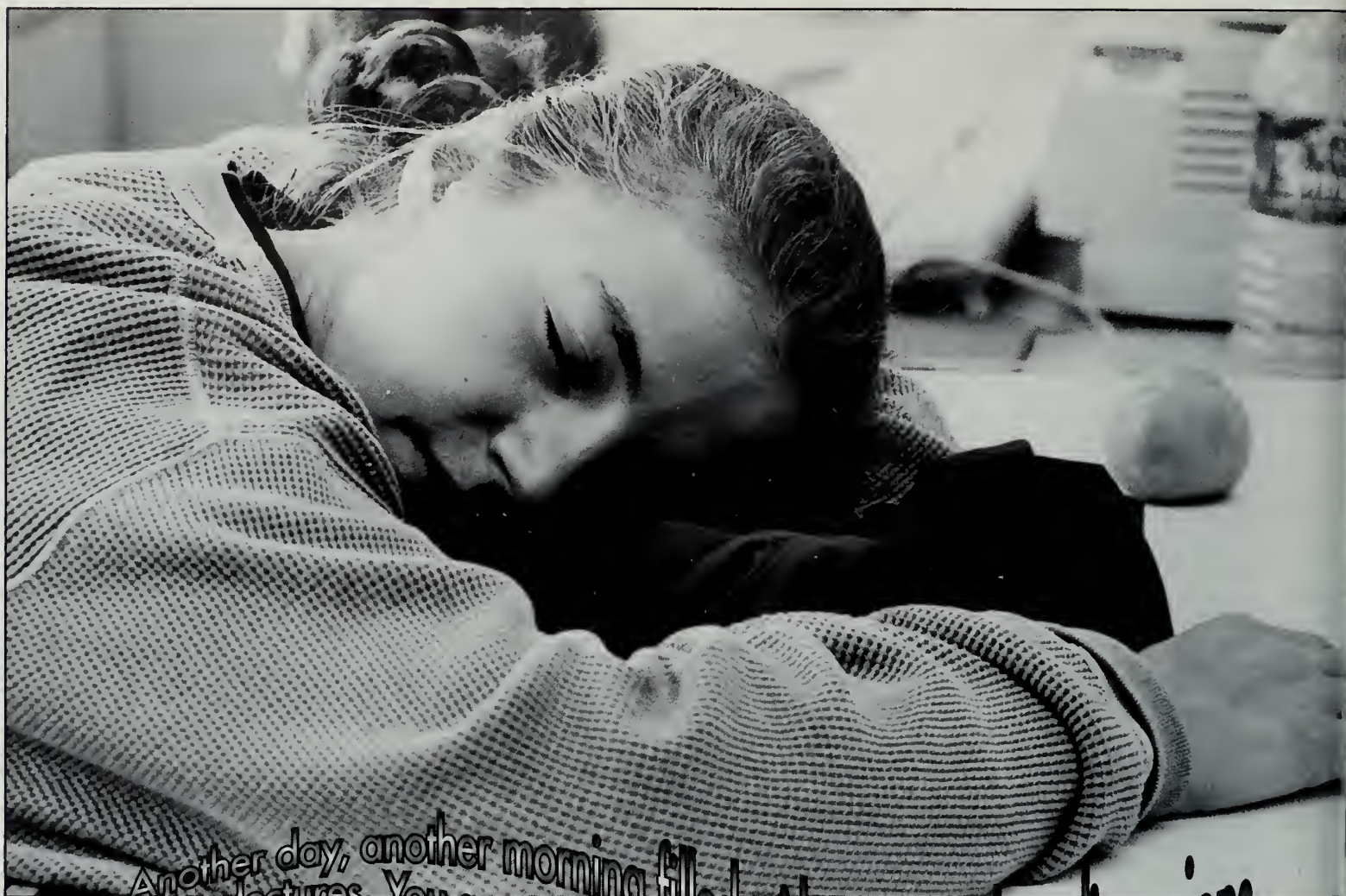
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Physics majors help a young man discover the wonders of physics during a gyroscope demonstration at Loomis Laboratory. They even demonstrated the use of motion in everyday occurrences.

Uof I students test their homemade robots in a battle called "king of the platform." These robots were built under strict conditions which limited the types of parts students could use.



Another day, another morning filled with never-ending discussions and droning lectures. You seemed to sink deeper and deeper into your assigned seat, and the professor's image began to blur. After only 'resting your eyes' for

what felt like a brief moment of bliss, you awoke and found the lecture hall completely evacuated and a rather perturbed professor glaring down at you. • As traumatic as this was for some students, for others it was a daily occurrence. "I slept more often than I stayed awake," said Dave Klokowski, sophomore in LAS. "This happened more often in the morning when I did not allow myself enough time to wake up before heading to class. But even when I showered and ate breakfast, I ended up falling asleep in my early afternoon classes. Sleeping in class was unavoidable." • While some students blamed themselves for their lack of attentiveness in class, others blamed the professors and boring lecture subjects. "I only fell asleep about once a week in class," said Kathleen Meller, freshman in FAA, "and this only happened in really boring lectures. It did not matter what time of day the class was at or how long I slept." • While it was common to assume that falling asleep inhibited your performance in the class, some students remained unaffected by their narcoleptic-like episodes. "I always made up what I missed by reading the book, buying the notes or asking another classmate," Klokowski said. • Many students turned to outside resources, including coffee and caffeine pills, to help keep them bright and perky throughout the longest lectures. "On occasion I drank a lot of coffee to prevent myself from sleeping during class," said Brian DeRue, freshman in CBA. • The safest way of preventing embarrassing sleeping episodes was to sit close to friends who watched over you. "I tended to snore quite often," added Klokowski, "but I usually got nudged very quickly by a friend before I got embarrassed."

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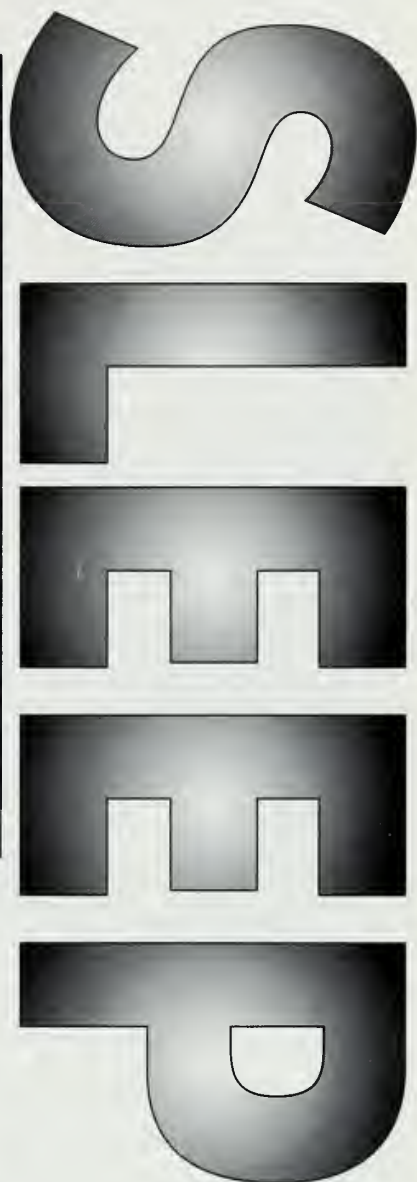
ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE: Margie Ryciewicz, senior in FAA, falls asleep in her studio in Temple Buell Hall before class. Many FAA students needed sleep after the all-nighters they pulled in order to get projects done.

BELOW: David Cass, junior in LAS, rests in the Undergraduate Library after a full day of classes. The Undergraduate Library had hundreds of cubicles which allowed students to sleep, study or read in peace.



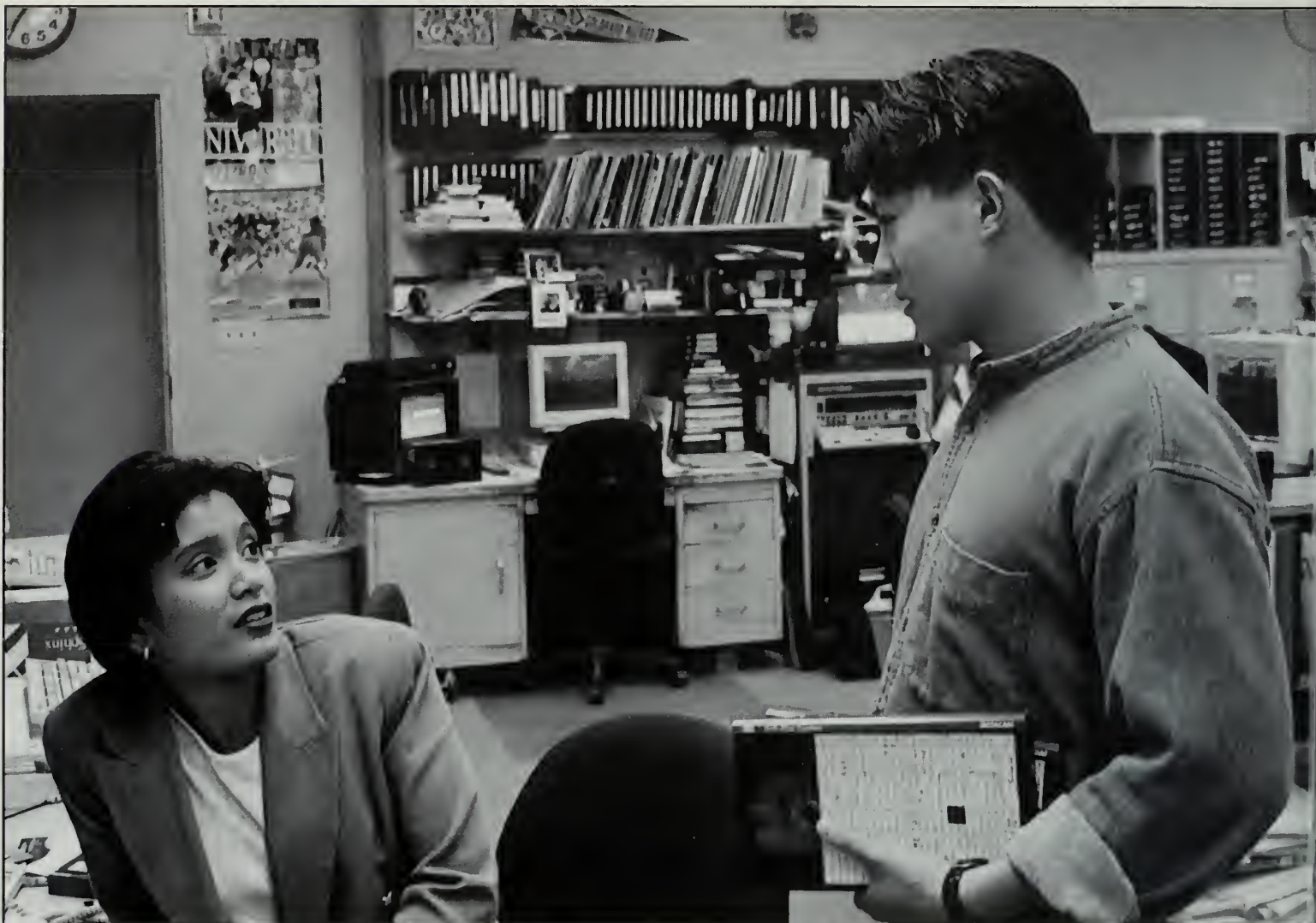
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Between classes and studying, students found it hard not to sleep through much of the college experience. Whether it was at the library, on the Quad or during the middle of lecture, sleeping was commonplace. Regardless of how much sleep students got the night before, if they were comfy in their seats, it was nighty-night and off to Nevernever Land once lecture started.



-CHARLES CASS

Penelope Parmer, sophomore in LAS, sleeps in the Illini Union's South Lounge. The low lighting and comfortable couches provided adequate ambiance for rest and relaxation.



Eric Hornig talks with WCIA staff reporter Elaine Cagas. As with most media companies, WCIA relied heavily on the inter-communication of its employees. This strengthened the company's organization and established good working relationships between its employees.

Before a piece of news footage can be aired, it must be edited at the newstation. This allows the reporter to provide the most important information to viewers.



Story by Nicole Niemi
Layout by Elena Ontiveros

CHARLES CASS



FOOT IN THE DOOR

"My studies here and work at Channel 3 complimented each other. What I learned in class was reinforced at work."

-Eric Horng, senior in Communications.

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Eric Horng's dad told him he might as well join the circus when he found out his son planned to go into broadcast journalism.

His dad changed his mind once Horng started his internship at WCIA-TV in Champaign. By graduation, Horng worked for two years at the station performing a variety of duties.

"I worked under a producer doing whatever needed to be done," said Horng, senior in Communications. "I spent time as an assistant producer, writing stories, editing and occasionally reporting."

Horng worked about 15 hours a week and earned money, unlike most interns. Dave Shaul, news director at WCIA, said the station had an agreement with U of I for a minority internship. "Eric functioned as a regular employee when he was in the newsroom," said Shaul. "He was also a valuable source of information concerning what was happening on campus."

Working under a producer made him incredibly organized, a skill he developed in school. "My studies here and work at Channel 3 complimented each other," Horng said. "What I learned in class was reinforced at work."

Padma Krish, senior in Communications, also interned at WCIA and had classes with Horng. "I gained much experience from my time at WCIA," said Krish. "It is a really great experience for anybody interested in journalism, and if you plan on making it a career, it's a necessity." Horng added that he also had the opportunity to see how ethics were played out in the news room as opposed to reading hypothetical situations from a textbook. The internship also allowed him to confirm his career choice. "I wanted to see if I could do this for the next 50 years of my life," Horng said. "Channel 3 was a good place to start, and if I can get a job there it would be fantastic."

That may be possible. Shaul said WCIA had a high rate of hiring former interns at WCIA.



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HOSTILE? TAKEOVER

"I think that it will have greater consequences for people who tend to lose their IDs because there are a lot of important things contained on one card."

-Kelli Smith, senior in ALS.

**DID THE
NEW ID GIVE
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A huge, looming force settled over the University of Illinois. It managed to change the lives of all students without them even noticing. It took control of every facet of their University life, including their finances. It was not slimy aliens from Venus. It was First of America Bank.

The U of I started a new ID system called the i-card. It was now the official University ID. Like the old ID, it could be used as a library card, a security card for building access, and as an ID for residence halls. Plus, the i-card was a calling card, a credit card, a debit card, and could be used to pay for books and other living expenses. Sound too good to be true? Read the fine print. To take advantage of these wonderful amenities, you simply had to open an account with First of America.

For many older students, having to go through First of America was not an option. "I had a credit card and a checking account," said Jeanette McLaughlin, junior in LAS. "I didn't need any more."

With the old ID system, students charged their books and other purchases from IUB to a student account. But with the i-card, charges could only be made on the ID if a student had an account with First of America.

"I was mad when I got down here because I went to the bookstore to buy books and they told me I couldn't charge them because I didn't have the new ID with the credit card," said Nikki Horn, sophomore in Education. "When I got my i-card I didn't even get the credit line because I already had a Master Card. There was no need for another one."

An existing credit line was not the only problem students saw with the new system. "I think that it will have greater consequences for people who tend to lose their IDs because there are a lot of important things contained on one card," said Kelli Smith, senior in ALS. "I think that it is a lot riskier."

First of America Bank always had branches around campus, but with the installation of the i-card the institution came to the forefront of student life. The new system brought the bank thousands of new customers, but students everywhere continued to fight change. Time will tell whether those who enter the University after them will be as successful.



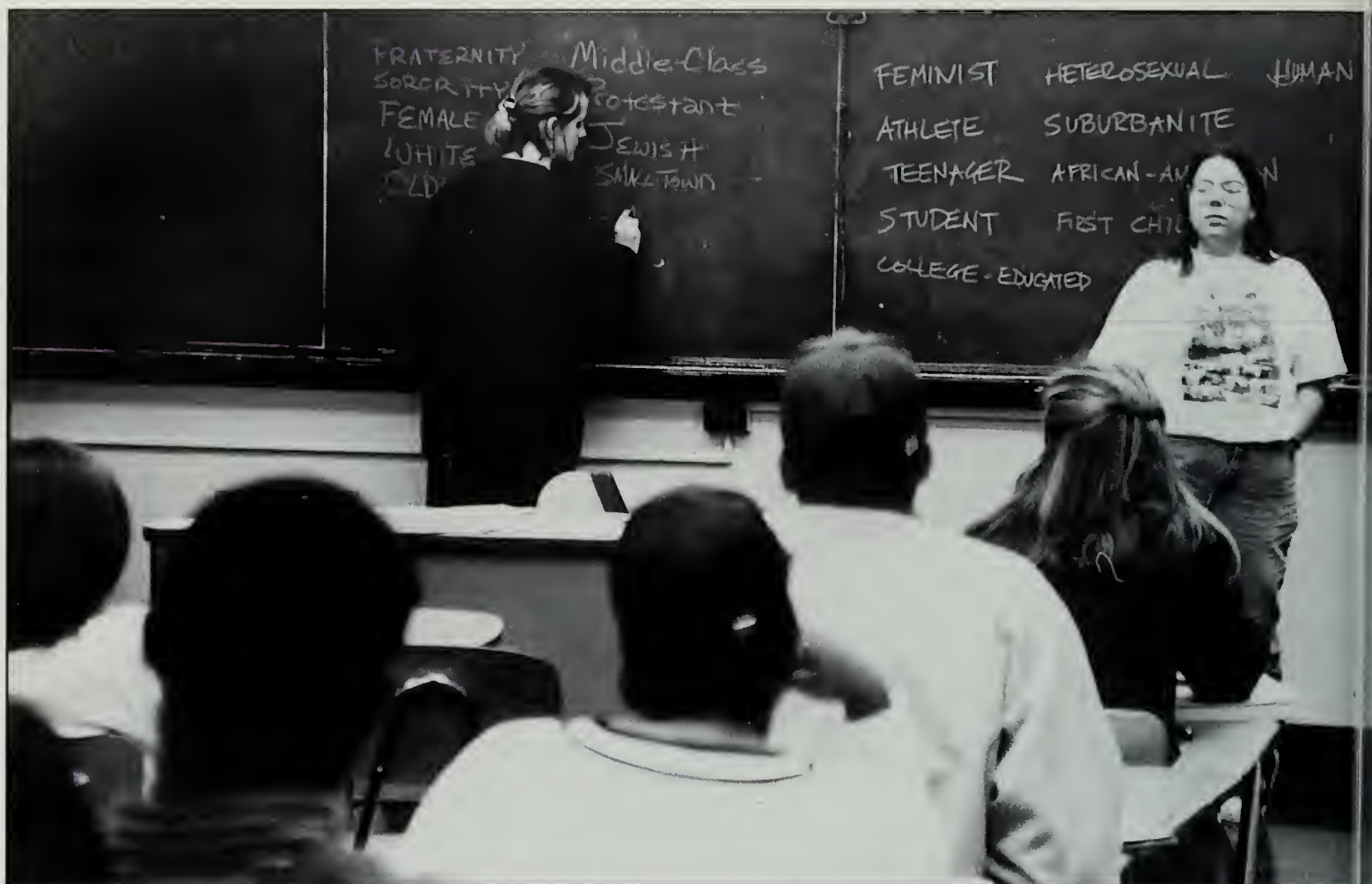
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Foreign exchange student Nathan Damianos, helps Praveen Nallapareddy, sophomore in LAS, with a purchase at IUB. In order to use her ID at IUB, Nallapareddy had to wait in line to open a special account with First of America Bank. The new card even comes with ten free minutes of Sprint long distance. Oh boy!



-PETE MACKAY

Shayne Pasek, senior in LAS, gets her photo taken for her new i-card. Tommie Wilson, junior in Education, got his ID long ago since he works in the ID center on Wright Street in Urbana.



PETE M. RAY

TAs Angela Gross, junior in ALS, and Marya Sosulski lead the discussion in a CARE class. They were collecting "labels" that people use to define themselves and others. Students were expected to be active in discussions.



PETE M. RAY

Valerie Stone, junior in Communications, listens to the discussion in her CARE class. Discussion was usually led by Marilyn Best, the instructor, but the CARE program also let past students of the program teach sessions.

Story by Michael Bach Layout by Pam Riley



CLAUDETTE ROULO

CARE-ING FOR YOU

"Even though you're trained, you never get used to hearing that someone has been raped."

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If they looked carefully, students could see red hand prints on the Quad, with messages such as, "A woman was raped here," or "Stop Rape." Stopping rape was exactly what the Campus Acquaintance Rape Education, or CARE program was trying to do by educating students about sexual assault. CARE had been in service for seven years, but this was the first year it was available for course credit.

One of the interesting aspects of the organization was that it promoted a "students teaching students" approach to education. When a student passed the course, he or she was able to teach another group at a separate extra curricular workshop, usually to a group such as a residence hall or a Greek House. "It's a large problem and helping out in any way would make me feel better," said peer educator Marquis Thompson, sophomore in Engineering. "Knowing people can come to you makes you feel like an important human resource."

With this knowledge came responsibility. Many peer educators felt responsible for sharing their knowledge to keep other lives safe. "Since I have information, more victims come to me," said Showanna Palmer, senior in ALS. "Even though you're trained, you never get used to hearing that someone has been raped."

Besides dealing with rape, CARE discussed issues like sexism, racism and homophobia. By combating such attitudes, they hoped to dispel myths that could lead to rape. "CARE helps you understand and recognize cultural and societal issues," said Brad Giglio, senior in LAS. "You really get a whole new perspective of them." They discuss psychological differences between men and women, and how conflicts in communication can lead to rape.

Since statistics show one in six women could be sexually assaulted next year, the concern for rape education is growing. With forty students enrolled for the class per semester, and many returning as peer educators, CARE was growing as it continued its mission to strive for a rape-free campus.

When I was asked to find out where our tuition dollars go, I knew I would be chasing a phantom. Much like Special Agents Mulder and Scully of *The X-Files*, I was led astray at many points. One woman told me that the tuition money went to Springfield, as if I was asking where the money physically went. I expected bureaucracy, and the nation's largest land-grant university (that's UIUC) did not let me down. After being transferred and bounced around Henry Administration Building like a leper in a Medieval village, I despaired to think that nobody on the whole campus knew how our tuition money was spent. But in a moment when the Fates were smiling in my direction, or maybe it was just that every person in Henry was now aware of my dilemma, I received a phone call from a Mr. David Hamilton of the Office of Planning and Budgeting.

SHOW ME THE MONEY*

The enigma that is the University of Illinois tuition

So where did our tuition go? The truth was out there, and I was right all along: nobody knew. There is no specific allotment of tuition to each area of expenditure. According to Hamilton, Resource and Policy Analyst, "We don't do our bookkeeping that way." Basically, tuition money went straight from your checkbook to the University of Illinois Income Fund. Then from the Income Fund, the money was lumped in with all the other sources of revenue, such as state-appropriated funds, private donations, and the like. All this revenue is then used toward all of the expenditures, which are divided by the Office of Planning and Budgeting into the following categories: instruction, research, public service, academic support (e.g. libraries and museums), student services, institutional support, plant operations (utilities), independent operations (e.g. Willard Airport), auxiliary activities (e.g. residence halls), and scholarships/fellowships. The Income Fund was recorded as \$118,963,000 for the fiscal year 1996-97, which represented almost 13 percent of the total revenue for the Urbana-Champaign campus. The total revenues and total expenditures for the fiscal year '96-97 was recorded as \$935,825,000 for each. Research was allotted the highest percentage of all expenditures at 26 percent, but Instruction was given a close second at 22 percent. "Basically, at any large corporate setting, approximately 70 percent of the total budget is to pay salaries," said Hamilton, "and it is no different here."

But did students really feel they were getting their money's worth? Brian Zabel, senior in CBA, said, "It is definitely worth the money since this is the number one accounting school, and I had no trouble getting a job. Where else could you go for the same quality education at a cheaper price?" Another student agreed. "Some of my other friends pay \$20,000 to \$25,000 for an education when we are using the same equipment here for half the price, and in the end I can do the same things they can," said Darrick Woods, junior in ALS. "And in the end, a cell is still a cell no matter who tells you." However, not all students agreed that the University of Illinois was a value. "I don't think I should pay more money here," said Micole Thomas, sophomore in CBA.

Tuition increases were as regular as the harvesting of corn. Were the increases just a means to an end? Thomas believed that having to pay more money every year is not worth it. "It seems like we are still getting the same education year after year, even if we are paying more; I don't see where the money goes," she said. "It seems like all they do is make the school pretty. They build pretty buildings that cost a lot of money." Like Thomas, Woods also believed the money was not always spent appropriately. "Some things get way too much money compared to other things. We are sometimes paying for things that we won't even get to use. What's the point of that?" Regardless of the actual distribution of spending, inflation was a normal economic trend that caused tuition increases. "Inflation is something that you can't do anything about, so my parents basically said to hurry up and graduate," said Woods. Zabel also acknowledged the factor of inflation. "It is natural to have tuition increases due to inflation," he said, adding, "and if we want to keep the quality, then we have to pay a little more."

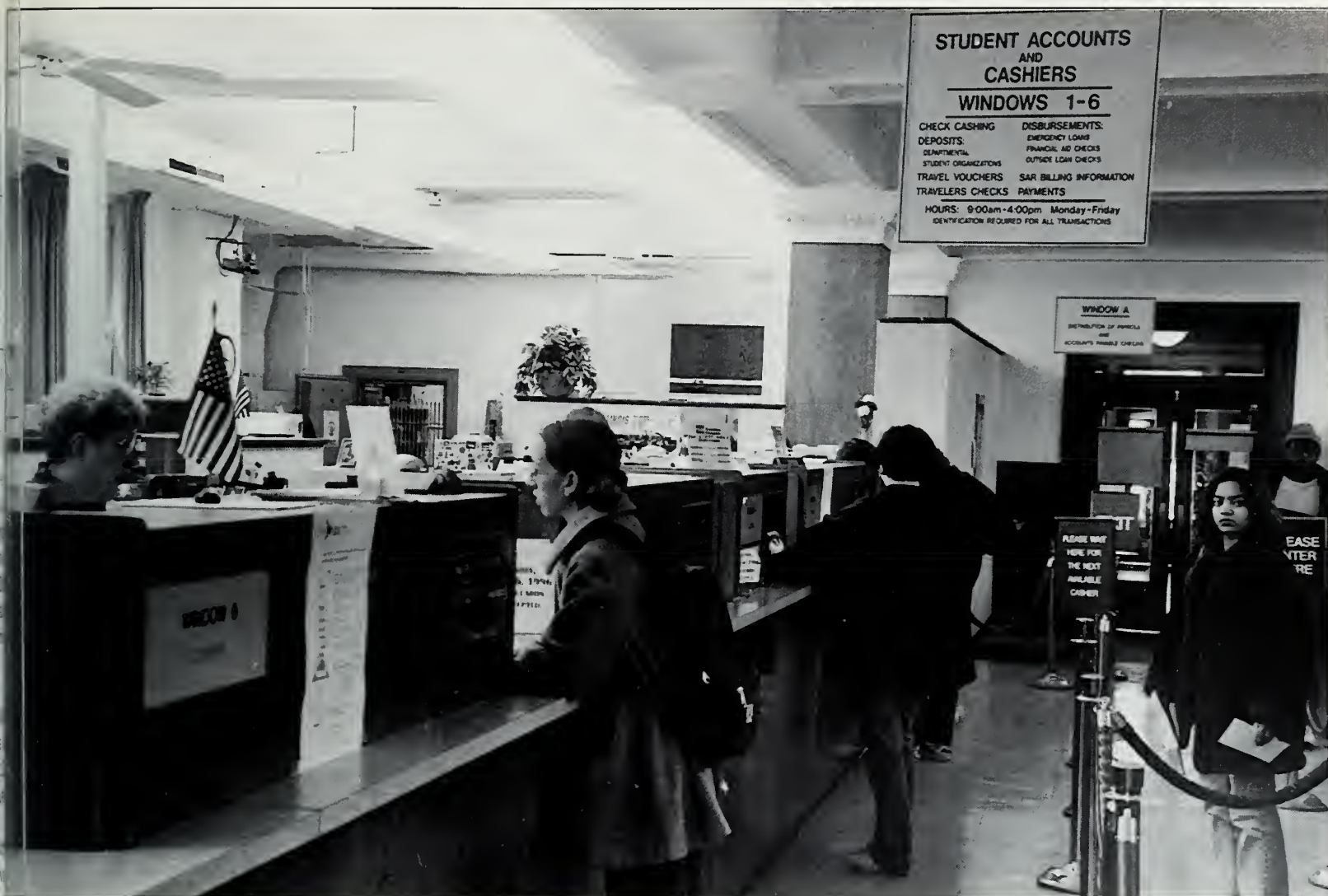
True to its ghostly nature, tuition remained a source of controversy in its role in the total educational experience offered here, as well as in the minds and pocketbooks of students.

A FENCE WITH A VIEW:
CONSTRUCTION IS A REGULAR SIGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS. ALTHOUGH STUDENT-GENERATED REVENUE WAS NOT THE ONLY SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR SUCH PROJECTS, SOME STUDENTS DID NOT LIKE THE IDEA THAT THEY PAID FOR THE NEW BUILDINGS AT ALL. NOT ALL BUILDINGS WERE FINISHED IN TIME FOR USE BY THE STUDENTS WHO HELPED PAY, AND OTHER STUDENTS WERE OPPOSED TO THE PROPORTION OF THEIR MONEY THAT WAS ALLOTTED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FACILITIES.



-PETE MCKAY

* THE ILLIO REALIZES THE PHRASE "SHOW ME THE MONEY" HAS BEEN OVERUSED SINCE THE OSCAR-NOMINATED **JERRY MAGUIRE**. HOWEVER, THE STORY IS ABOUT TUITION MONEY AND WHERE IT GOES--SO WE FIGURED THE PHRASE WAS MORE THAN APPROPRIATE. (BESIDES, IT WILL BE A REMINDER OF 1997 FOR YEARS TO COME, WHICH IS WHAT A YEARBOOK IS HERE TO DO.)



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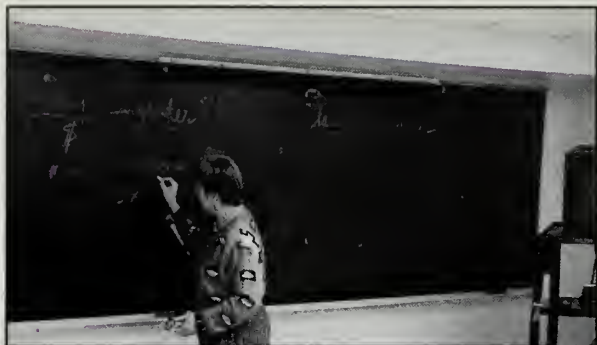
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BUDGETED EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996-1997

total budgeted expenditures: \$935,825,000

27% research
22% auxiliary activities
11% public service
7% plant operations
7% academic support
6% tuition waivers
3% scholarships and fellowships
2% student services
2% institutional support
Less than 1% independent operations

Numbers provided by the Office of Planning and Budgeting:
Budget Summary of Operations, FY 1996-1997



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The University of Illinois had many nationally renowned academic programs and organizations. One program that doubled in enrollment last year was Women's Studies. The core course of Women's Studies explored the issue in women's personalities and sexuality, but the program did not end there. Many classes revolved around minority issues because some women felt they were treated as such.

But unlike other Midwestern schools such as University of Wisconsin and Iowa State, which both had women's studies departments, U of I's program was just that, a program, but not a degree. "We have kept it a program for students minor in so they could take courses as they wanted to, and so it can be integrated into different areas of study since women's issues showed up in many classes," said Jaque Kahn, assistant director of Women's Studies.

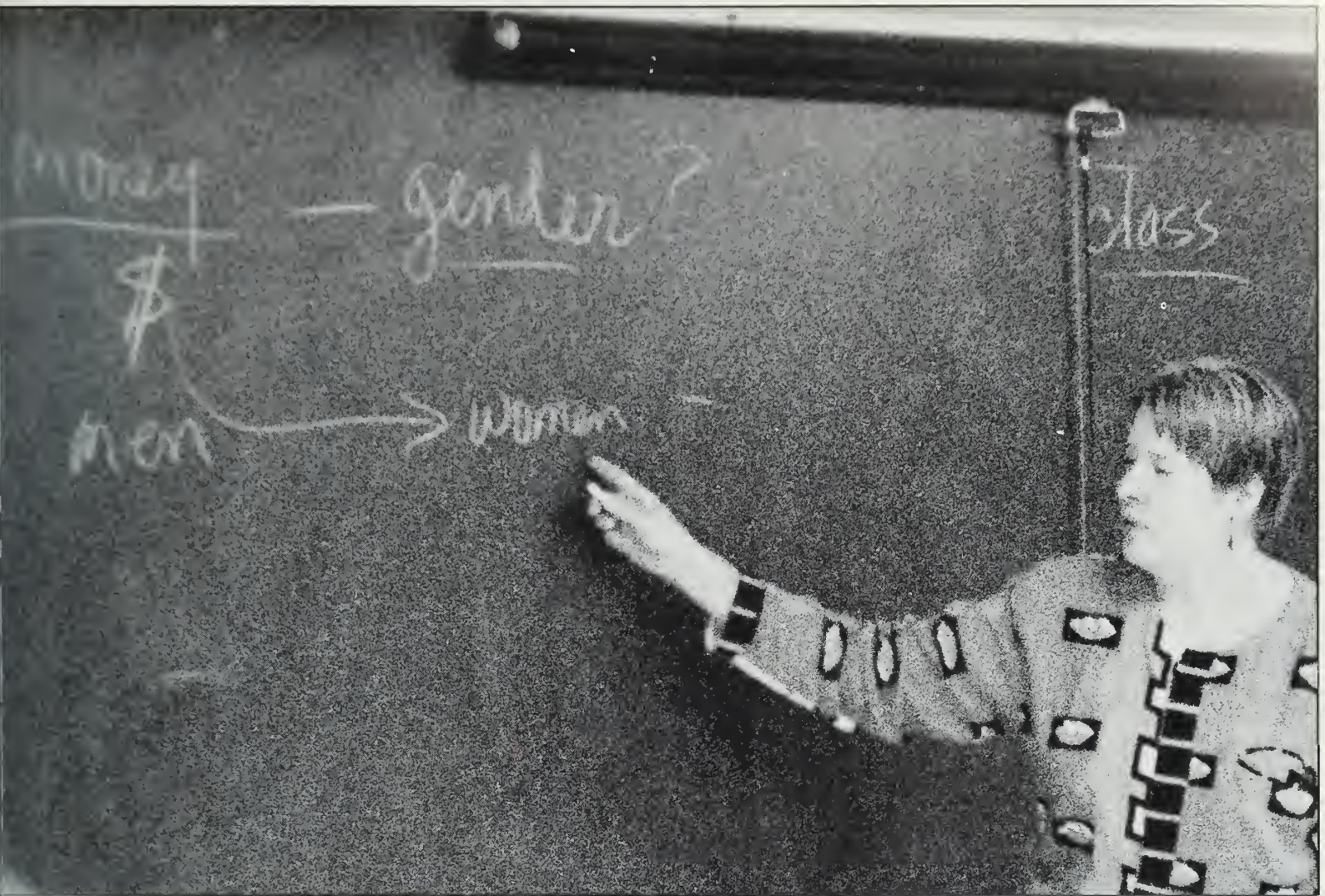
Many professors taught Women's Studies classes during their free time. In effect, they were not paid for teaching the course. "If we had a regular faculty we would have had to make it a more strict program, and then we would not have had such a diverse department," Kahn said. "Many people did not realize this was an important program."

The Women's Studies Building, located on the corner of Chalmers and Sixth streets, is a quaint house with old wood and creaky stairs. "This place really has a warm home feeling to it. Many students drop by on a daily basis just to talk or read some of our books in the conference room and ask questions," Kahn said.

Aside from classes and afternoon chats, the department had its own newsletter, and a club called the "Women's Studies Network," where students met to discuss diversity issues. "We wanted to make a connection with other people on campus that were minorities and band together to speak out about oppression," said Tina Sanchez, sophomore in LAS.

Every issue was pertinent. "We wanted to focus and address issues that made an impact," said Hilary Anderson, senior in LAS.

Many found it surprising that the program was not eligible for a degree considering the Take Back the Night March was one of the largest events of the year. Still, more students and faculty supported the program this year, indicating a new trend of support for women's studies.



-CHARLES CASS



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Ramona Curry presents a lecture to students in her English 373 discussion. The class focused on how women were portrayed in film. Here, Curry discusses how money was distributed between men and women.

Students in English 373 circled their desks for discussion. Along with discussions and film screenings, the class partook in discussions via computer with a program called PacerForum. The class looked at how women were portrayed in American classics as well as in some more experimental, modern day pieces.

Jurgens steps into Virtual Director which was created by Bob Patterson, Donna Cox and Marcus Thiebaut. Once activated, this program allows its user to escape the boundaries of reality through multiple computer images.



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Vincent Jurgens, Media Systems Specialist, encounters a mirror image of himself while traveling through virtual reality. A common reaction of many users is to reach out and touch the images they see as though they are real there, demonstrating the realistic characteristics of the computer images. Movies like "Disclosure" have helped to increase the public's interest in computer games and programs such as virtual reality.

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Layout by Elena Ontiveros

-CHARLES CASS



BEAM ME UP BECKMAN

"I love working on the CAVE since it gives me the opportunity to work on something that is constantly changing and growing."

-Jason Rubenstein, senior in Engineering.

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The University of Illinois has been known for many things, but recently became known for the National Center for Supercomputing Applications Virtual Reality Environments. Located on the third floor of Beckman Institute, some of the most innovative technology was experimented with and became a learning lab for many undergrads.

NCSA, founded by Robert Wilhelmson in 1985, was created to model the nature of a storm cloud which can now be seen in 3-D simulations in Real Time. Visions of 3-D images on a SGI lead to the CAVE, Immersa Desk and Infinity Wall.

The CAVE was 10x10x9 feet had 3 side panels and a floor. The images were projected onto the life size panels from cameras located on both the floor and ceiling. Guests who went into the CAVE wore liquid crystal shutter goggles with a tracking device that allowed the guests to orient themselves with the images by moving their heads. As they move freely about the CAVE, the guests played with data as though they were touching it.

"I enjoyed playing in the virtual reality CAVE. It has great possibilities with TV," stated Scott Sokolowski, senior in Communications.

"I love the CAVE," said Jason Rubenstein, senior in Engineering, who had been working on the CAVE for a year and a half. He created a virtual simulation which allowed people to play handball against someone in a geographically distant cave. "I like working on the CAVE since it gives me the opportunity to work on something that is constantly changing and growing," he said.

Some people who had not seen the CAVE could visit it via the Internet. "I look at their web site often to see the new technology they are working on," stated Jennifer Escalante, junior in LAS. "I can't wait to see their next project."

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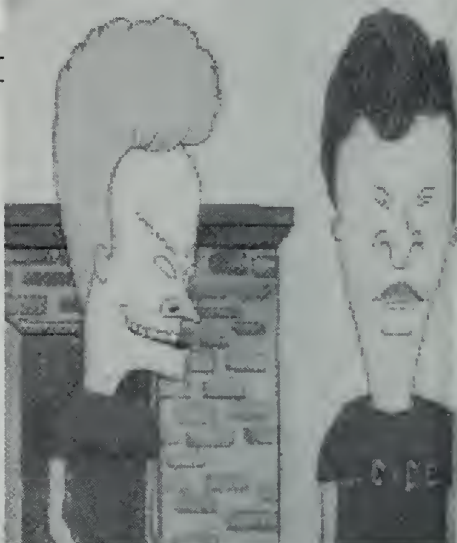
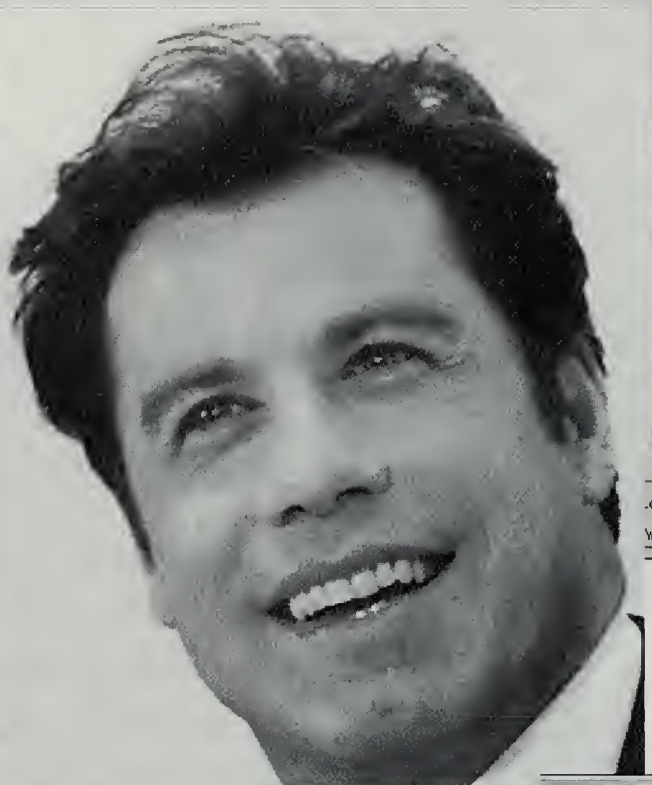
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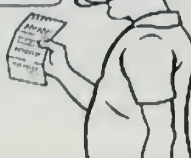
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face-down in the deep end

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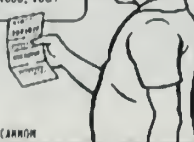
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What kind of fishing is it?



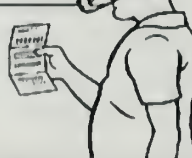
It says "you and a trained guide will stalk the majestic and fearsome Florida Manatee by floatboat in a savage Everglades preserve."

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I already told you... it's a "dynamite" fishing vacation

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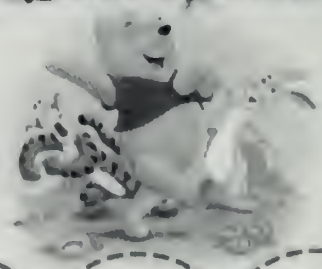
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Today's Features:

Just some of the web pages students came across while surfin' the Web in 1997. Clockwise from top: pages on John Travolta, Beavis and Butthead, U of I's home page, Comedy Central, Disney, Red Meat, *the Onion* and Find the Spam gave students something fun in the CCSO computer labs.

It seemed each year it was a little harder to get on a computer at the U of I, even though there were computer sites in every University residence hall, The Union, buildings on the Quad, and other places on campus. Electronic mail and the World Wide Web were two reasons for the growing crowds.

E-mail was increasing as a form of communication between friends, relatives, teachers and students. If you had a friend studying abroad in England or if you just did not want to run up a phone bill with your loved one, e-mail was where it was at. The system was cheaper, faster and more convenient than regular mail. And those people who were too chicken to actually talk to their professors could use e-mail to get the point across without the risk of bodily harm.

But e-mail was not the preferred mode of communication. Many considered the World Wide Web (www) more fun, colorful and easier to use. The "Web" was a vast collection of interconnected "hypertext" documents, that covered every topic under the sun. The big plus was the ease in using the familiar "point and click" format to see clips from movies, hear sound bites or get more information. In fact, many Web pages were linked to more sources relating to the original subject. The Internet connected government, educational and commercial institutions and supplied enough information to answer virtually every question you could think of asking.

Kelly Freeze, sophomore in FAA, spent many hours searching for fun things. "The Internet makes me feel like I am doing something constructive, so I don't have to feel guilty about not doing my homework." Freeze came across the Find the Spam Web site (<http://sp1.berkeley.edu/findthespam.html>). This page showcased the "Find the Spam" game. It had entertaining facts about the mystery meat that was sure to entertain kids of all ages.

Besides using the Web for entertainment, many students were exposed to the Web through their classes. Christina Marlow, senior in Communications, had to use the World Wide Web for her English 373 class. The class focused on the mind and the brain. Marlow had to answer a series of questions on the classes' Web page throughout the semester. "At first I thought it might be a drag, but after I started using the Internet regularly I liked it because I could answer whenever I wanted to, and at my own pace." Though not specifically required for her classes, Freeze utilized the broad scope of items on the Web to help her write papers. "One time I searched the Internet for sources about *Pulp Fiction* to write an English paper about films," she said.

In fact, there were so many different types of information

available on the World Wide Web, that some people believed it would eventually replace any existing forms of media. "The Web is going to make television and print media obsolete someday," said Danielle Wiatr, sophomore in FAA. Many newspapers and magazines had on-line sites where articles could be read, updates were posted or readers could send immediate feedback to the editors or writers. Even some radio stations had homepages where they broadcasted their music in real-time audio, as well as showcased some of the musicians they had in rotation and provided play lists.

This year's seniors were probably one of the last groups to recall the time that "The Amish Say, 'F--k This S--t!'" Or who could forget when the "Computer Nerd Accidentally Went Outside." Anyone who did not recall these satirical moments in campus history, did not remember *the Onion*, a weekly publication that satirized America in biting articles, on-the-edge comics (see "Red Meat," on opposite page), and the "Drunk of the Week." Though *the Onion* stopped its print circulation, it resurfaced on the World Wide Web soon after its printed demise, much to the delight of many a student. "Even though I didn't get here until after *the Onion* stopped printing, an older friend suggested I look at their homepage," said Freeze. "I always laugh out loud in the computer lab when I see it."

Educational sites unrelated to any media were also available on virtually every topic. Experts and hobbyists alike were eager to create Web sites for whatever their area of interest, providing links to similar sites or to tangential topics. Businesses, too, jumped on the virtual bandwagon, designing homepages for everything from cars to fast food

to condoms.

Even the University of Illinois had a homepage where on-line Timetables, University policies and procedures, faculty homepages, class sites and *The Daily Illini*, among other things, could be accessed. "The amount of information on the Web is just massive; it's mind-boggling because everything is connected to something else," said Wiatr. Many students were stunned by the amount of information just within a mouse's reach. "I heard that there were so many web sites now that the Web is getting overloaded," said Freeze. "I don't know if there is any danger of the Web getting too crowded, but it wouldn't shock me if it happens," she added.

Just how delicate this Web was remained to be seen. Still, the University upgraded software and hardware and expanded computer labs to deal with the increase in student usage.

Surfin' the WEB

Hang ten! Ten fingers, that is. The newest way to communicate, read up on current issues, shop, gather information, get movie and music previews, and generally pass the time was not at the new Meijer superstore, but on the computer. The World Wide Web revolutionized the way we organized the world.

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CHARLES CASS

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RAISING YOUR GPA

"It gave us the chance to apply knowledge from class in a really fun way."

-Beth Czajkowski, junior in LAS.

**STUDENTS
TOOK ONE
HOUR
CLASSES TO
LEARN
SOMETHING
NEW OR KEEP
UP WITH AN
OLD HOBBY.**

After spending an angst-filled day perched on the edge of a swivel chair staring at a blank computer monitor, many students trekked out to bars, played a pick-up game of three-on-three basketball, or took out their aggressions sweating on a stair master. What many of these students did not know was they could be receiving college credit while they had fun.

Taking a one hour class allowed students to continue an old hobby or experience a new one. "I took dance in high school," said Arwen Pokorny, junior in Education. "I knew I didn't want to be a dance major, but I didn't want to stop dancing. I enrolled in Dance 108, Advanced Ballet for non-majors. I enjoyed it because it encompassed all levels of experienced dancers, yet with a wonderful, unstructured and laid-back atmosphere."

Being only one hour, elective courses were usually low-stress and provided an appreciated break in students' strenuous schedules. "I enrolled in Modern Dance 106 to add spice to my mundane Business schedule. It gave me an opportunity to meet a lot of interesting people from other majors, get in shape, and brush up on my technique. It was an all-around positive experience," said Rose Tran, junior in CBA.

Many students chose to take an elective class in their own major for a change of pace. "I liked Kinesiology 135 because it was different. It met outside or in Memorial Stadium," stated Michael Collins, junior in ALS. "It was a chance for us to get mandatory exercise while meeting a lot of different students in an environment outside the classroom."

Students were able to broaden their horizons athletically, but occasionally got to expand their academic curriculums as well. Geology 110 took camping trips to explore and examine rock formations. "It gave us the chance to apply knowledge from class in a really fun way. We examined rock formations, what they were, and why they were there," stated Beth Czajkowski, junior in LAS.



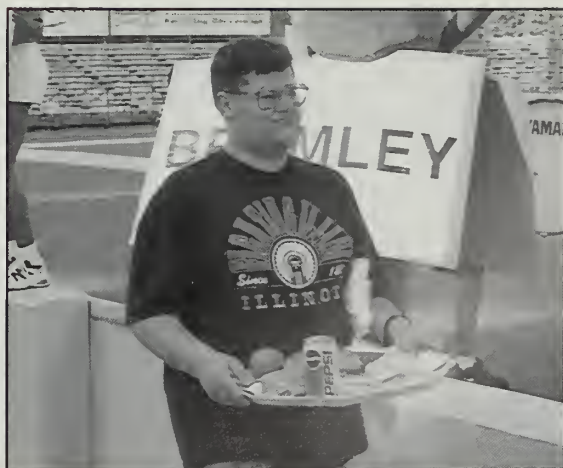
-CHARLES CASS

Michelle Levy, instructor for Kinesiology 104, Ice Skating I, helps her students learn the fundamentals of ice skating. Not all one- hour classes revolved around physical activity. The small photo in the upper corner of page 150 shows students in Communications 190. The class focused on discussion of the Cinema of Racial Violence.



-CHARLES CASS

Jeremy Ward goes through basic tennis swings with his students in Kinesiology 102, Tennis I.



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CLASS OF 2000

"We all went together but met a lot of new people too."

-Kerri Lyman, Freshman in ALS.

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS HAD FUN AND FELT WELCOMED AFTER FRESHMAN CONVOCATION.

The turn of the century is just around the corner, and this year's freshman class brought a taste of the year 2000 with them.

The Class of 2000 arrived at the University of Illinois the last week of August. Most of them were both nervous and excited to finally be at college. Before the first week of class, many new students attended the second annual Freshman Convocation at Assembly Hall.

Chancellor Aiken said it was important for first year students to be formally welcomed to the University.

"The Convocation made them realize that the basic academic unit is the students and faculty working together," said Askew.

After they were welcomed, May Berenbaum, professor of Entomology, spoke. "She was funny and entertaining and gave students the message that they must be willing to take the first step in meeting their professors," said Askew. "The Convocation is just one element that the University is using to try to get freshman involved in the first year experience."

Many students were skeptical about Convocation, but were pleasantly surprised. "Our R.A. made us go, but it was fun," said Mark Sileman, freshman in LAS.

Another reason for Convocation was to obtain a sense of the U of I community. "We all went together but met a lot of new people too," said Kerri Lyman, freshman in ALS.

Others liked the program for material reasons. "It was fun and we got good food and a free t-shirt," said David Meyer, freshman in LAS.

The class of 2000 may only be freshmen now, but their time here will fly by. "The best thing freshmen can do is start networking early," said Greg Hatch, Assistant Director of Student Services.

The career outlook for the year 2000 showed jobs in medicine and business had the most potential. "But students should choose a career they enjoy," said Hatch.

Convocation was the first time the freshman class came together in Assembly Hall. The next time they might be getting diplomas.



-ERIC A. WAXMAN

Freshman Convocation is one chance for teachers and students to come together. It also offered the rare opportunity to join a giant congo line and act like a complete idiot on the turf of Memorial Stadium.

Better than the dorm food? Many students only go to Convocation to eat dinner. This year there were burgers, chicken breasts and cans of pop. Once students got their food they ate it in the famed stands of Memorial Stadium.



-ERIC A. WAXMAN



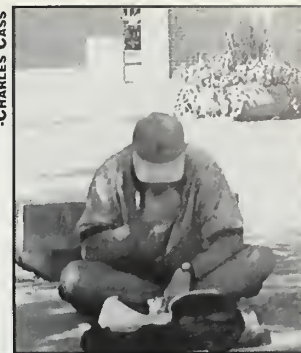
Karen Powell and Carrie Vanderlaan study outside of the Architecture Building located just off of south Sixth Street. This area between DKH, the Architecture Building and Commerce West provided ample light and shade for studying or relaxing.

Susan Augspurger, senior in ALS, studies in the atrium of the English Building. Unknown to many, the atrium was located in the center of the building and provided comfortable couches and chairs that made studying or taking a quick nap in between classes more enjoyable.



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-CHARLES CASS



CRACKIN' THE BOOKS

"I tend to study better in more quiet settings. If I have to do heavy-duty studying, I usually go to the Undergrad or Education Library."

-Cara Nielsen, senior in LAS.

AS MONDAY
APPROACHED
AND ANOTHER
DEADLINE
LOOMED OVER
YOUR HEAD,
WHERE DID
YOU GO TO
STUDY?

Almost every student lived for the weekend. But as Sunday night came around, the panic began and students glanced at their homework assignments with trepidation. Procrastination was not uncommon, but reality started to kick in when daylight disappeared and the clock started ticking.

Popular study spots included the Illini Union, and the Undergrad and Main Libraries. "I tend to study better in more quiet settings," said Cara Nielsen, senior in LAS. "I usually study in my room, but if I have to do heavy-duty studying, I usually go to the Undergrad or the Education library," Nielsen added.

The cafes around campus were also quite popular among study-goers. One World Cafe, Espresso Royale and The Daily Grind were just a few of the popular hangouts. "Living with two other people can get pretty noisy so I do most of my studying outside of home. I can also take breaks and get a caffeine rush," said one anonymous student.

When the weather was nice, many people enjoyed studying outside. "There's always something happening on the Quad. When you need a little study break, all you have to do is look around you," said Aimee Smith, senior in LAS.

The Law Library was a good place to study until hours were shortened and entry was limited to Law students. "I used to like to study in the Law building because it was open 24 hours a day. But after they closed it I couldn't do that anymore," said Anne Suratt, senior in Agriculture.

No matter where students studied, they were all around campus burning the midnight oil. Their hope was that all assignments would be completed when the sun rose.

Welcome to QBI

Question Board is a free, non traditional, in house, short-answer reference service that augments existing information services.

QB was designed to give library users the option of asking anonymous questions and is intended to be a fun way of communicating answers to serious and not-so-serious questions.

To ask QB a question on any topic, fill out the provided form and drop it in the question box. Due to the large numbers of questions received, not every question can be answered. In addition, QB is unable to respond to questions by e-mail. QB sincerely regrets this.

QB asks that you note only one question per form.

These questions have been asked an answer by the library staff.

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WHAT YOU NEVER KNEW

"I couldn't believe some of the things people have asked"

-Jason Ryan, senior in ACES.

**HMM... WE
TOOK A TRIP
TO THE
QUESTION
BOARD. "WAS
JEWEL REALLY
DATING THAT
LEAD SINGER
FROM THE
RUGBURNS?"**

At the bottom of the second flight of stairs going down to the Undergraduate Library, there was a sign pointing to the left that said, "Question Board." Many students never made it to the bottom level of the library, and had never heard of the Question Board, but it was there waiting to answer the mother of all questions without restrictions to any topic.

"I have never used the board myself, but the questions were amusing to read," said Bethany Richards, senior in ALS.

As the questions were answered, they were posted under categories ranging from entertainment to academics so readers could easily find their favorite topic. There were about ten graduate assistants who took turns every week responding to the questions. "If a question was too hard for the graduate assistant to answer, we took it to the Library Science graduate school and they could almost always find an answer," said Wei Ma, director of the infamous Question Board.

The board had many uses. Students and faculty used the board to ask questions for classes, maybe about types of resources needed or help finding a particular source outside of the U of I's library network. Articles were sometimes attached to help answer questions more clearly. "People wonder about things all the time but do not have anyone to ask," said Julie Woods, senior in LAS. "I guess the Question Board was a solution to that."

Of course, the board also served as amusement for some students to get fun, personal information to share with their buds or for their own shock value. Questions, which ranged from "What are the words to R.E.M.'s 'It's the End of the World as We Know It (and I Feel Fine)'?" to "How many times can I have an orgasm in a single sexual experience?" They were answered just as crassly as they were asked to keep the readers smiling.

"I could not believe some of the things people asked," said Jason Ryan, senior in ACES.

Of course, if you wanted someone to do your homework and you had the questions weeks in advance..... well, I'm not suggesting anything.



Three wise men, or soon to be, gather rather interesting facts from the question board. Questions on sports, celebrities and academics were all answered.

A student searches for his question on the Question Board. Tons of different questions were answered weekly.

A break from Academics for the entertainment events that rocked the year
 Story by Adam Slahor
 Layout by Pam Riley

C O N C E R T S



Dave Mathews and a band member perform a jam session for a soldout crowd.

Dave Mathews sings band's hit, "Crash Into Me," off of the *Crash* album.

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The lights of the space ship which U of I music aficionados knew and loved shone down on one of the most well-rounded concert venues this campus has seen in years.

There was a little bit of something for everyone. Students saw the free-form rock of Phish, the alternative style of The Smashing Pumpkins and the frat rock of The Dave Mathews Band at Assembly Hall this year.

The Vermont quartet Phish came to town for the second time in as many years. Phish's many faithful followers came not only from camptown, but from all around the state. Colorful vans were seen down Interstate 57 and colorful people were seen mulling around Assembly Hall. Phish gave fans exactly what they wanted by playing a variety of styles of music. This included a culmination of jazz, rhythm and blues,

progressive, folk-inspired groove, classical and even a bit of country.

Songs played by the band included their hit "Free," and underground tracks "Theme From the Bottom" and "Strange Design," which were not available on any album.

Phish's style of music had been compared to that of the Grateful Dead, but fans said that they had a style of their own.

"There is no way to really describe Phish's sound, but when you hear it, you know it is them," said Kat Stachniw, sophomore in CBA.

Phish was respected by many of its fans because it built its reputation without the help of mainstream radio or MTV.

The next band which dazzled Assembly Hall fans was Chicago's The Smashing Pumpkins. The band's lead singer, Billy Corgan, had bittersweet

o f t h e y e a r

The Dave Mathews Band, Phish and The Smashing Pumpkins came to Assembly Hall during the 1996-97 school year to give U of I's campus one of the most memorable concert going years it has had in ages.



Fans of the phenomenon Phish get lost in one of the band's melancholy tunes. Phish is known for its relaxing songs.

D'arcy, back-up singer of The Smashing Pumpkins, performs the smash hit "Tonight, Tonight."



memories of the U of I, and called the university "f**king lame." These feelings were not displayed during the concert.

The Smashing Pumpkins opened the concert with a piano intro of "Mellon Collie," which coaxed its fans into the rest of the concert. The Pumpkins also performed hit songs "Jelly Belly," "Zero," "Tonight Tonight," "Today," "Rocket" and closed with "1979."

One of the highlights of the show was when the Frog Brothers, a band closely affiliated with the Pumpkins, entered the stage. One of its members on the stage, dressed up in a green bird suit and threw a stuffed dog around the stage.

"Nothing about this band

surprises me," said Marisa Russo, junior in LAS. "That is what is most intriguing about them."

Billy Corgan not only sang to the crowd, but he preached as well. He told his fans that now was the time for tolerance, love and peace. The band followed this euphemism with a jam session.

The Dave Mathews Band was scheduled to perform in September, but tragedy struck one of the band members when his three-week old child suddenly passed away. This delayed the concert until December. Fans of The Dave Mathews Band showed their support for the band throughout the show, which was a near-sellout.

All of the members of the band were in the spotlight, but it was Dave Mathews who stole the show. Mathews, who had a hoarse throat due to a cold, dazzled the crowd with his slick moves. Leroi Moore also received crowd support for his performance on the saxophone during "Ants Marching." A spectacular array of lights, which were focused on the ceiling of Assembly Hall, during "Satellite" also got the crowd into the show. "The lights show added to the entire atmosphere of the concert," said Tim Steil, junior in LAS.

The band also performed songs off of its new album "Crash," including the title song "Crash Into Me," "Too Much" and "So Much to Say."

A break from Academics for the entertainment events that rocked the year
 Story by Shelley Krepich
 Layout by Pam Riley

L a d i e s



One student models his 70s duds for the ladies. Most of the ladies who attended the event enjoyed their night out.

A member of the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority introduces the next contestant in the auction for the crowd to enjoy.

These ladies explain to the men the things they must endure on a daily basis in our society, and how women and their views have changed over the years.

It was the ladies' turn to reduce the men to another bunch of pretty faces. Most of the ladies who attended the event enjoyed their night out.



It was the women's turn to reduce the men to another bunch of pretty faces.

In our society of patriarchy, it was nice to see the women take control for once. The women of the University of Illinois campus were treated by the women of Sigma Gamma Rho to an evening of subservient men.

Illini Union rooms A, B and C were decked out in a club atmosphere on the night of November 10, 1996. The 150 women who attended sat at tables with mock cocktails served by men dressed as waiters and were entertained by different groups. The women of Sigma Gamma Rho put on a skit about how the times have changed, especially in the ways that women have a good time. Legacy, a local R & B group, performed as well.

But the best was yet to come—

the auction and the strippers. Men, clothed in their best debonair duds, were sold as dates to willing bidders. The money raised was donated to a charity. These men, who were U of I students, volunteered to be in the auction. "Some of the men were fine some average," said Courtney Bailey, sophomore in ALS.

Melanie Dawson, sophomore in LAS, added, "There was something for everyone." Neither woman was interested in buying a date; they were just there for a good time.

The final event of the evening was the strip show, where the hottest bodies in Illinois came to strut their stuff. These men were professional strippers from Chicago. "They were excellent," said Bailey. Dawson agreed. "Good times were had by all."

N i g h t O u t

The role reversal at Ladies' Night Out left the men the main attraction while the women got to pick and choose for a change.



Whether it was the men for sale or the men in skivvies, the women in attendance were there solely for fun.

Some of the women may have been shocked by the content of the evening's festivities. But this was not the case with one woman. Even though it was the first time she attended, Tisha McClinic, junior in LAS, knew what she was getting into. She said, "I think everyone there knew what to expect. Anyone who did not stayed home."

Unlike McClinic, Torrie Corbin, senior in LAS, had attended previously. "It's definitely a night for the ladies—just a time to go and enjoy yourself," she said, reflecting on the night's events.

Shock value aside, it was an evening for reflecting on the roles women and men play in the complex world of relationships. "It was an evening of female bonding," said Dawson. "We got a chance to talk about how we felt and share our perspectives on the games men play."

Some women found the role reversal to their liking—it was their turn to play the role of pursuer and treat the men as the objects. "Some women found it exciting; they all wondered which dude would get the highest bid," said Bailey of the general consensus. But Bailey herself believed the concept was degrading. "I did not like to see the men treated like that,"

she said, "but the men seemed to think it was just for fun, so it did not matter." Regardless of its ethical content, the evening was dedicated to entertainment and fund-raising.

Sigma Gamma Rho's Ladies' Night Out is an annual event. Bailey plans to go again next year, despite her objection to the treatment of men. "It's a tradition," she said, "We like to go and see what's up."

Corbin was not as enthusiastic. "I do not think I would go again if I was going to be here next year," she said. Though the women reserved their own views of the night, all agreed it was a night for the ladies.

ACADEMICS

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-Pete MacKa

Many felt unaffected by the new 4.0 grading system and the addition of pluses and minuses to this year's report cards. U of I was one of the last schools to retain the 5.0 system. There were some who disagreed with the change and others who welcomed it.

IS THE 4.0 GRADING SYSTEM EFFICIENT?

PRO



Andrew Abrahams
senior in LAS

In my four years at this fair university, I have witnessed a veritable golden era of growth and improvement: building the post-Barnes and Noble style marble edifice that is the new

Illini Union Bookstore; the elimination of those attached wooden desks in Gregory Hall where I believe Mr. Gregory in fact once rested his posterior; the construction of now nationally recognized wrestling and women's basketball programs out of the ashes of mediocrity; and finally the sparkling Courtyard Cafe where the university student can be treated to piped-in light rock and overpriced pastries. Through it all, I believe the University has taken my fellow students' and my interests to heart, and for the most part, made this school a better place to be.

As we approached the end of this great "century of growth," Illinois students were treated to another improvement: The new 4.0 grading system. Besides the confusing first couple

of weeks of class conversations like, "Professor, are you employing the new grading system? No, what grading system?"

Champaign has disproved Ringo Starr's lone shot; change has come relatively easy. Few students or faculty once cognizant of the overhaul were entirely confused. This seems logical considering close to all high schools and other universities have abandoned the university's former 5.0 system. Pluses or C-minuses did not take a Twin City resident as much of a back as perhaps plowed sidewalks or a local Gap franchise. Illinois students always had to translate their grade point averages for their more progressive colleagues at other schools who were often overwhelmed by the abundance

of 3.5s at UIUC. Enough confused expressions when dropping your 4.2 GPA to the rest of the known academic world, who only could see such a figure as a statistical anomaly or the product of an institution which strangely allows for extra credit, makes the overhaul all but overdue.

Besides for the new compatibility with other universities, having pluses and minuses rather than strict letter grades provided greater integrity and reflected the work done in the course. In the less equitable old system, a student could fall anywhere within ten percentage points and still receive the same mark. Now, an instructor can compensate those who approached an A but fell short with a B-plus; others who merely did enough work to earn the lowest possible B, mightfully deserved a B-minus. An A had more intrinsic worth when an instructor had to delineate between A and A-minus students.

Without question, the University of Illinois should be accorded to the status and recognition of other premier public institutions. The statistics of the entering freshman class each year merely stated the obvious: This university stood among the nation's elite. To reach equal footing with public schools like Michigan, Virginia, California or North Carolina, the University should attempt to attract more accomplished out-of-state students and hopefully win a Rose Bowl or two; changing the grading system appeared to be another important step.

Despite having a penchant for inane and trivial historical facts, I could not trace

the origin of the old 5.0 system. My only guess is that it related to the roots of this school, a land-grant agricultural public one and the inherent sense of inferiority which stemmed from it. Other schools in the public and U of I's mind were ahead, so the pervasive attitude was, "let's find a way to keep up," providing an additional "point" as a leg-up on other schools seemed to be an example of this mind set.

U of I had more or less arrived; and a new grading system was just another reminder of this school's academic progress. Personally, the only disappointment of this march to progress was, as a graduating senior, my own absence. For that I gave the U of I a B for the timeliness of its improvements; or maybe a B-plus, no a B-minus...

CON



Brian Wasag
senior in Communications

The University engaged in an experiment this year with an issue central to every student's life - grades.

And while this experiment affected all students in a variety of ways, the change had more of a negative impact on them than a positive one.

Under the new system, the University operated on a 4.0 grade

point average scale, instead of a 5.0 scale as it had in the past. Also, the past failing letter grade of E was referred to as F, and professors had the option of using a plus/minus grading system.

This new grade scale, especially the plus/minus system, had an adverse affect.

If the University was intent on keeping the new system, it should be required for all professors. Professors had the option of using the plus/minus system. This made the system inherently unfair to students who might have suffered or benefited from the new grading scale.

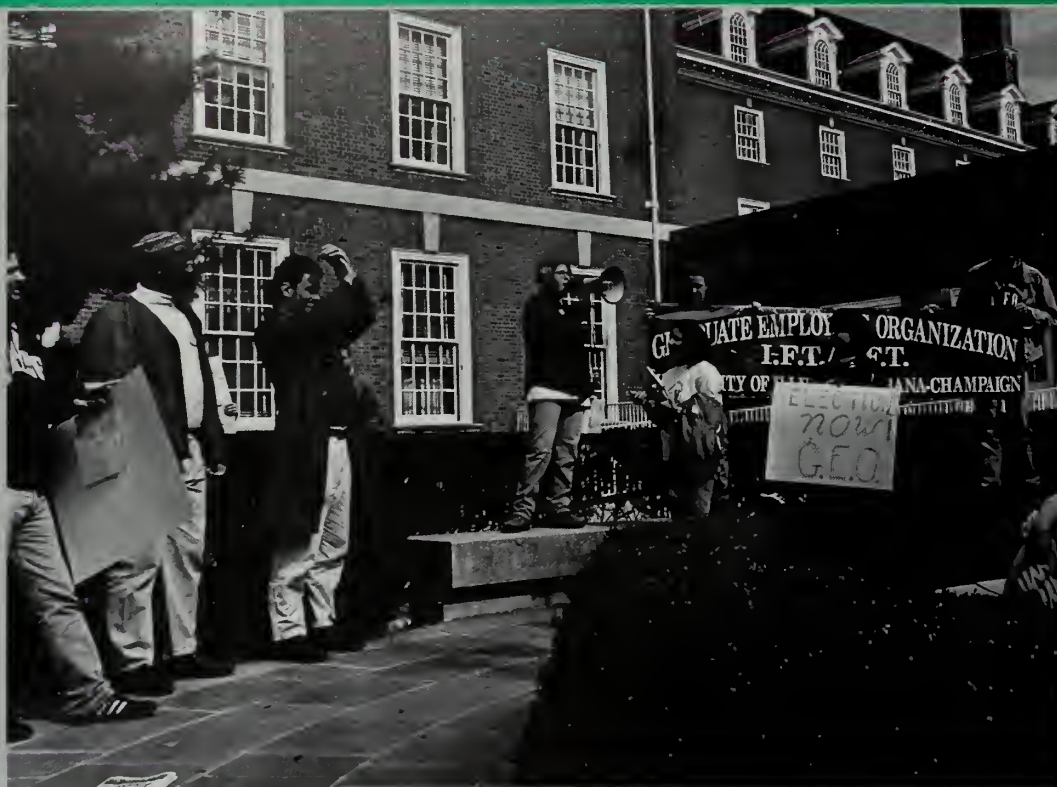
For example, some students took a section in which the teaching assistant or professor elected not to use the new grade scale, while other students in the same class but a different section were subjected to the new system.

In addition, students were now more concerned about begging for grade points and grades than concentrating on the material presented in class.

The new grade scale also made studying for finals a nightmare, because it was much more difficult for students to figure out where they stood in a class and how well they needed to do on their final to get a certain grade.

It was also interesting to note that receiving an A-plus as opposed to an A meant nothing in terms of GPA, because both an A-plus and an A were equivalent to four grade points. There ought to have been an incentive to receiving an A-plus. This could have been done by allowing an A-plus to be worth 4.33 grade points, thus giving students extra credit for achieving such a grade.

campus news



October 9: About 100 Graduate Employees Organization members used the Quad to stage a rally during a Board of Trustees meeting because they were denied the opportunity to take a part in the meeting. GEO wanted to discuss a legal case that would determine whether they would be recognized as both students and employees.

October 2: This year's Women's Studies Program decided to focus many of their lectures on males. The name of the program was, "Exploration of Masculinities." Women's studies scholars believed masculinity played a crucial role in the program. The program consisted of two parts: a lecture series and a workshop discussion. The workshop was open solely to graduate students and faculty, but the lectures were open to everyone on campus.

July 11: The second trial of anthropology professor Mahir Saul, who was accused of criminal sexual assault, ended in a dismissal. Saul was accused of sodomizing another professor last fall. The case was dismissed 10 days after the trial was called a mistrial by the County Circuit Court.

July 8: Many students were disappointed this winter when grades were mailed off late. Most apprehensively waited while some were relieved. The delay was caused by the snowy weather. Most students received their grades a few days before the Spring semester began.



November 6: Two campus construction workers put the finishing touches on the new fountain outside of David Kinley Hall. Janet Weston donated the fountain in memory of her father Nathan Austin Weston, a University professor who was the first dean of the College of Commerce and Business Administration.

October 25: A group of University students took the initiative to create a newspaper called *Dialogue*. The paper's intention was to give a new voice to small community groups with little exposure on campus. The newspaper was first published on November 4. *Dialogue* received no funding from the University, but received contributions from some organizations.

Local News Highlights

PLANT CLOSES AND LEAVES 200 JOBLESS

On Oct. 11, the Meadow Gold/Modern Dairy plant in Champaign closed, leaving 200 people unemployed.

In 1995 a California businessman, Chandu "Chuck" Patel, bought Borden Inc. and turned it into a corporation called Modern Dairy of Champaign.

After a few months, paychecks were bouncing and creditors and benefits were unpaid.

After the plant closed contributions to a \$401,000 employee plan were missing.

The County Sheriff's Office turned over accusations of theft against Patel to the FBI.

Patel filed a Chapter 7 bankruptcy petition.

The case was pending.

Local News Highlights

ZAP THE CAPS?

This election year, Champaign County voters approved a referendum to start property tax caps.

Approved by a narrow margin (51-49 percent), tax caps meant that taxing bodies needing extra funds would have to request them in a referendum vote.

Some believed tax caps would increase class sizes and lead to cuts in important school programs. This belief was especially true in Champaign-Urbana where caps were rejected. But most outlying areas approved of the move.

A health referendum also passed. It created a Champaign County Health Board.

September 3: As the fall semester of 1996 opened, the new grade point scale concerned many students. What used to be a five point scale was moved to a four point scale. Another change was the letter "E" became an "F."

Professors were not required to use the plus and minus system.

September 10: After being under construction for nearly three years, the Chemistry and Life Sciences Building opened its doors to students. Setbacks caused the opening date to be moved back by ten weeks. There were no classrooms in the complex, which was composed of Building A, designated for the chemistry department, and Buildings B and C, designated for the life sciences department.

September 25: University officials announced a five percent increase in tuition rates for the 1996-97 school year. Orlo Austin, director of the Office of Student Financial Aid, said tuition had already increased from \$3,000 to \$3,150 since last year, which was close to the national average of \$3,155.

September 8: Many companies in need of engineers came to the U of I career fair to recruit students. U of I scored well in scholastic rankings according to the 1997 *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Colleges issue. Out of all colleges, the U of I was ranked 50th, while they were ranked 19th in the best values poll. The U of I received outstanding rankings for their Business and Engineering schools, ranking 5th and 2nd respectively.





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Campus News Feature by Leslie Fron

For many seniors, it seemed only yesterday they were getting use to dorm food and picking out their majors. The past four years at the U of I flew by and the what-am-I-going-to-do-after-I-graduate syndrome set in. Seniors had more to contemplate than the color of the gown that would rest upon their shoulders when they walk through the doors to the real world.

Students, with their U of I degrees, had a plethora of options because U of I was a reputable university. The College of Engineering had a

web page for their students so that they could sign up for interviews with over 200 companies.

"I hope to find a job in manufacturing engineering," said Andy Clay, senior in Engineering.

Each separate college handled the senior scare differently, but all graduates had one thing in common; all were welcome at the Fred Turner Student Services Building. Students improved their resumes, participated in mock interviews and put their qualifications in a database for companies.

Erin Melnick, senior in LAS and part-time employee at SSB said, "I plan to go to Law School. My internship at a local law firm inspired me to apply."

Some students will fly out of the U of I nest alone and hope to land something on their own.

"I am trying out for the minors as a pitcher, but if that does not happen, I will have my degree in logistics to fall back on," said Jason Bushboom, senior in CBA.

The U of I was not only sending off some of its scientists and mathematicians, but also its promising teachers and artists as well.

"I have been applying for jobs with Leo Burnett, Up Studio and Saatchi & Saatchi. After I get some experience under my belt, I would like to move out West," said Jo Esposito, senior in FAA.

No matter what field of study seniors were in, the search for a career was always time consuming and took a lot of effort.

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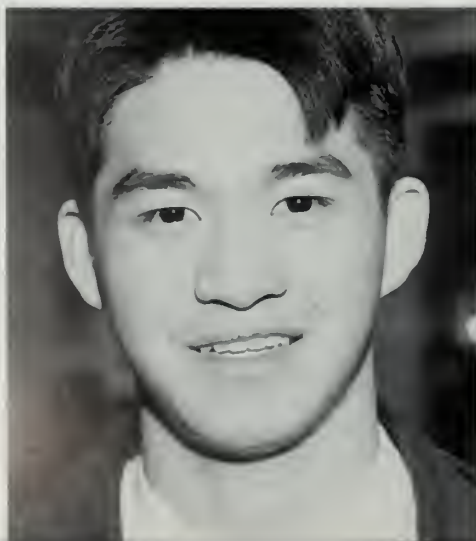
OPINIONS

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The women's rugby team is just one of the many sports to participate in at the University of Illinois. Although not recognized by the Big Ten, these women still know the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.

All photos by Pete MacKay except women's rugby photo (above) by Joel Rennich





editor dan ryan

The world of intercollegiate athletics is not immediately associated with controversies or opinions on heated issues. But a closer look at the sports programs on this campus indicates otherwise. Right or wrong, winning may not be everything, but nobody can deny that victories can go a long way in curing a program's ills. The increased importance directed at on-the-field success has caused debate between fans in which both sides draw battle lines. Winning at all costs has been an issue closely connected with the football program since it was placed on probation in the

**"Public opinion, though often formed upon a wrong basis, yet generally has a strong underlying sense of justice."
-Abraham Lincoln**

last decade. Another debate concerning club and varsity sport status continues here at Illinois. Women's soccer became the latest program to be christened into the Big Ten, while softball and other teams wait in the relative obscurity of club status. Gender equity and Title IX considerations have complicated the process in recent years. Why should a women's program have a considerably more uphill road to climb for support and attention? This raises the question of whether or not the athletic department is distributing funds in an appropriate manner. Revenue sports are understandably catered to, while more successful programs such as women's track or wrestling are making national headlines on a smaller scale. These are debates whose fire will burn on as long as athletic competition at the college level continues. For that, both sides of every issue can be appreciative.



Even though some could see this kind of season coming, that didn't make it any more palatable for the Illinois football program. By the time the depleted Illini had mercifully completed their most forgettable season in a couple decades, they had not only lost nine football games—they lost coach Lou Teppner and the Illini staff as well.

After tripping to an 0-3 start out of the gates because of an overwhelming nonconference schedule, Illinois strung together its only two wins of the season before dropping the last six. That skid put Illinois at 2-9 overall and 1-7 in the Big Ten, tied for last place in the conference. Despite promising otherwise, Director of Athletics Ron Guenther dismissed Teppner and chose Chicago Bears offensive coordinator Ron Turner to assume the head coaching duties.

Perhaps the game in which the Illini showed the most promise was in their opening 20-8 setback at Michigan Stadium. The opener for both teams proved to be a scoreless dogfight into the second quarter when the Illini let Wolverine quarterback Scott Dreisbach rumble for a 72-yard run to put the hosts up 7-0. With a Bret Scheuplein field goal, the Illini cut the lead to 7-5 late in the first half, and actually let a golden opportunity to forge ahead slip through their fingers one quarter later.

After standout running back Robert Holcombe gave Illinois a first down just two yards away from a 12-10 lead in the third quarter, the Illini offense sputtered and settled for a field goal. This would hurt when Dreisbach threw a 10-yard scoring pass to give U-M a commanding 17-8 lead.

Weaver finished 25 for 38 for 179 yards, a reflection of how well Illinois' methodical offense moved the ball—until it got in the red zone where the Illini scored only half the time.

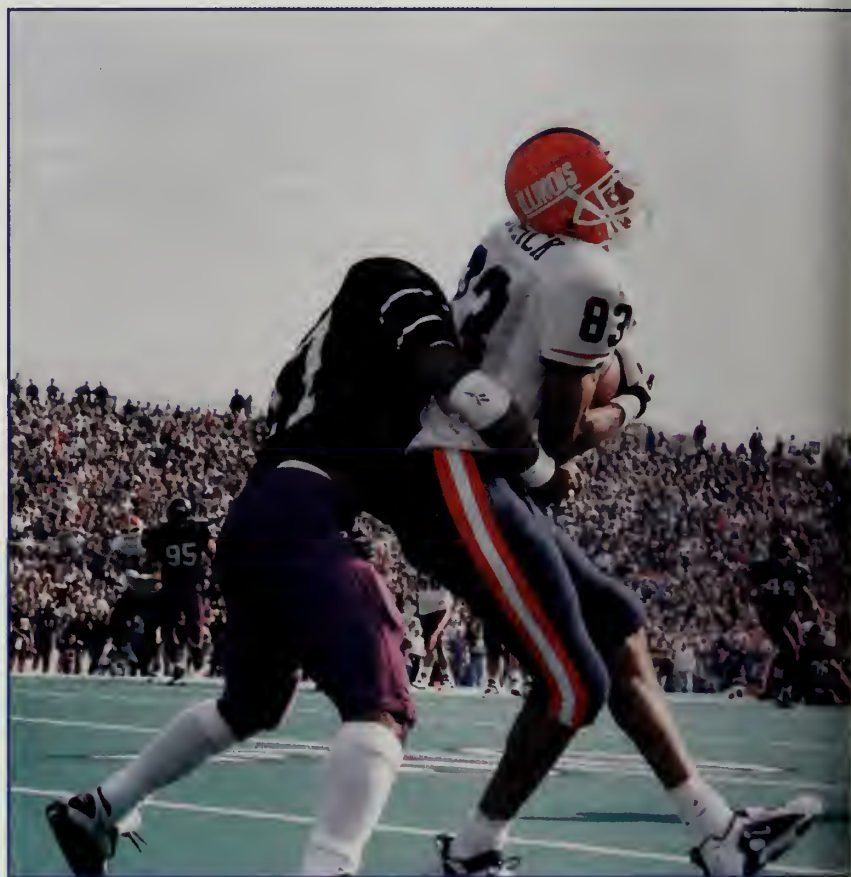
Illinois' inability to crack the end zone continued in the home opener against a multitalented USC squad. After spotting the Illini a 3-0 lead, John Robinson's Trojans put on a clinic on the Memorial Stadium turf. Behind the aerial combo of quarterback Brad Otton (301 yards passing) and wideout Chris Miller (155 yards receiving), Southern

FALLING REIGN

TEPPER ERA COMES TO FORGETTABLE END AS TEAM BATTLES INJURIES, SUFFERS THROUGH 2-9 CAMPAIGN

Story by Dan Ryan • Layout by Elena Ontiveros

Illini receiver Jason Dulick protects the ball from a Northwestern tackler. Dulick and the other Illini seniors endured a difficult final season, as the team stumbled to a 2-9 record. The lack of success meant the end of Lou Teppner's career here at Illinois.



-Andrew Ryback

Fans show their support for the Illini at an early season home game. Despite the Illini's losing record this season, students, faculty, alums and fans still remained supportive of the Orange and Blue.



-Andrew Ryback

FOOTBALL



-Andrew Ryback



-Andrew Ryback



-Andrew Ryback

Fighting Illini
linebacker Danny
Clark chases down
an Arizona ball
carrier. The defense
could not contain the
Wildcat offense as
Illinois fell 41-0.

Quarterback
Scott Weaver
looks to the
sideline during Illinois'
trip to Tuscon. The Illini
could not crack the win
column on the road this
year,
dropping all five games.

Cal amassed 582 total yards and constructed a whopping four TD drives over 90 yards in length.

"This is as embarrassed as I've been with a performance in a long time," Tepper said. "We were probably as poor as we've been since I've been at Illinois. I thought I saw their hearts melt. We certainly didn't play hard for 60 minutes."

The Illini had to handle more disappointment when they fell to 0-3 after travelling to Arizona only to get drubbed 41-0 in the desert night. Similar to the Michigan game, Illinois' offense moved the ball effectively until they got deep into Wildcat territory. In fact, the Illini had almost twice as many first downs, more yards and won the time of possession battle. But all that was not enough to overcome UA quarterback Keith Smith's big plays on the ground and an unfortunate flurry of turnovers in the fourth quarter.

Down only 13-0 in the final quarter, backup QB Mark Hoekstra entered the game and drove the team down the field only to be intercepted in the end zone. The untimely pick was one of five Hoekstra interceptions in the fourth quarter alone, three of which were returned all the way for touchdowns to worsen the final score.

Illinois finally cracked the end zone in the second quarter of a feel-good 38-7 rout of

hapless Akron. When Scott Weaver found receiver Jason Dulick in the end zone to put the Illini up 7-0, that ended an infamous streak that had lasted an amazing 17 quarters, four full games extending back to last year's Minnesota contest. Yet the Illini could not shake the Zips until the second half, entering the break in a frustrating 7-7 tie.

Then Holcombe, tender ankle and all, took matters into his own hands, running for 151 determined yards and three touchdowns to blow the game open. Weaver put together another workman-like performance through the air, connecting on 17 of 28 passes for 194 yards.

"It felt good to get into the endzone, celebrate and have that touchdown feeling again," Dulick said of his breakthrough reception. "It was a big relief for everybody, and I was just happy to be the one to get it. Now that we have that monkey off our back, we can continue to score and have confidence."

That was evidently the case as Illinois resumed Big Ten play by putting 46 points on the board in a double overtime shootout with Indiana. When the dust had cleared on the historic first overtime game in conference history, the Illini had pocketed their second straight victory, 46-43. In a game that saw momentum switch hands like a hot potato—as six lead changes will attest to—Illinois had the last laugh when Dulick's diving reception of a 26-yard pass from Scott Weaver triggered an impromptu celebration.

Once again, Holcombe was the workhorse on offense, totalling 266 yards of total offense and breaking two long TDs. His Indiana counterpart, rugged junior Alex Smith, pounded out 148 yards on the ground to keep the Hoosiers close. Standout linebacker Dennis Stallings added 21 tackles on an afternoon when defense took a back seat to offensive fireworks.

"This game was strange because there were tons of big plays and a ton of big mistakes, too," Weaver, who was only 16 of 30 but covered 248 yards, said. "I had told some of the guys, 'If you're to win a lot of games, you have to make the big plays and you can't make mistakes.' Today we had one out of two."

Illinois couldn't rid itself of the mistakes the next week at



Ryan Murphy and Eric Guenther drive a USC player into the soggy Memorial Stadium turf. Unfortunately, the Illini were the ones who wound up all wet on this day, losing to the Trojans 55-3.

Illinois' running back Ty Douthard points toward the crowd during the Illini's game at Northwestern. Ty ranks 8th on the UI career touchdown list.

The University of Illinois' Illinette squad cheers for an Illinois victory. Win or lose, they are always there to support the Fighting Illini and their efforts on the field.



-Andrew Ryback



-Andrew Ryback



-Andrew Ryback



-Andrew Ryback

George McDonald-Ashford rushes downfield against Arizona. A native of California, McDonald-

Ashford has also competed for Illinois' track team.



-Andrew Ryback

Asim Pleas and Dennis Stallings double-team a player from USC. No matter the score, the Illini never quit on the field.



-Andrew Ryback

Tom Claussen and Mike McGee refuse to let this USC runner dent the endzone.

Michigan State, and this time it cost the visitors dearly in a 42-14 MSU rout. Behind Spartan quarterback Todd Schultz (20 of 25 for 281) and back Duane Goulbourne (144 rushing yards, two TDs), Michigan State took a 28-0 lead, and the game, into halftime. The Spartans rolled through the patchwork Illini defense for a whopping 300 first-half yards to end Illinois' winning streak at two.

"I was in shock at what I saw out there," Tepper said of the game that would turn out to cost him his job. "I knew this was not going to be an easy game for us, but I really felt we would be competitive. It's perplexing, to say the least."

For the second straight year, the Illini dropped a gut-wrenching decision to their intrastate rival, sudden Big Ten power Northwestern. The Wildcats were operating without All-Big Ten running back Darnell Autry, but still managed to pull off the latest in an uncanny string of miracle victories in Evanston's Dyche Stadium.

Replacement Adrian Autry dove in from one yard out with 1:02 remaining to give NU a 27-24 win. The deciding drive included a crucial fourth down conversion when Steve Schnur found receiver Brian Musso on a crossing route to give the Cats a first and goal. Autry finished with 137 yards and Schnur had a typically strong afternoon, throwing for 258 yards to offset Holcombe's 179 yards and three touchdowns and Weaver's 208 passing yards in a gutty performance for the Illini.

"I am going to buy a lottery ticket on the way home," NU coach Gary Barnett said. "I told our kids that every game doesn't have to be this way, doesn't have to come down to the last play. Holcombe is a heck of a back. That wasn't us missing tackles out there, that was him breaking them."

Illinois couldn't snap out of its downward spiral at Memorial Stadium, either, losing its Homecoming game to archrival Iowa, 31-21. Hayden Fry's Hawkeyes forced Weaver into one of his worst outings to date, tossing 22 incompletions and 3 interceptions in the final quarter. On the other side of the ball, Illinois' defense had no answer for Iowa's Sedrick Shaw, who

shredded them for 149 yards and the game's first score.

"This has been a down year for us," Holcombe said. "Where do we go from here? We can't stop, we can't end the season right here. You have to go out there and fight, no matter if you're undefeated or if you haven't won a game."

Illinois welcomed an undefeated team to Memorial Stadium in No. 2 Ohio State. Although the hosts hung with the Buckeyes for a quarter, Ohio State's quick-strike offense scored six touchdowns in the second and third quarters to leave Champaign with a 48-0 blowout win. Sparked by backup quarterback Joe Germaine (two TD passes) and the elusive running of Pepe Pearson (two rushing TDs), OSU put the game away.

Two days later, Guenther lowered the ax, firing Tepper. The next day, Minnesota coach Jim Wacker resigned, becoming the fourth Big Ten coach to leave or be forced out in three weeks. With Illinois and Minnesota set to lock horns that weekend, the storyline quickly became the coaches. Unfortunately, it stayed that way when Tepper ordered his defense to let the Gophers score with time running down and UM with the ball on the Illinois one-yard line. His unorthodox move was made in order to give the Illini offense some time to move downfield and possibly kick a winning field goal.

But the offense faltered, spoiling a record-breaking performance by Holcombe. The junior ran for 315 yards to put himself on the doorstep of becoming the school's all-time leading rusher, but it wasn't quite enough for Illinois.

In the last game for both the coaching staff and the seniors, Wisconsin ran over the Illinois defense to post a 35-15 rout. Record-setting freshman Ron Dayne, more of a bowling ball than a running back, plowed through the Illini for just over 260 yards and four scores, earning his label as a one-man wrecking crew. Dayne would go on to set the rushing record for a freshman.

For the last two weeks of the season, Tepper took much time to reflect on his association with the Illinois program, calling it a nine-year love affair. Although he disagreed with



-Andrew Ryback

Jason Dulick drags two Wildcat defenders toward the 30-yard line in the Illini's game against Northwestern. Illinois led the defending Big Ten champions for most of the game before falling 27-24.



-Andrew Ryback

A Northwestern player has nowhere to go as he is surrounded by Illini tacklers.

Running back Robert Holcombe races toward the endzone against Northwestern.



-Andrew Ryback



-Andrew Ryback

Jason Dulick stretches for an extra yard as the Illini hosted the Iowa Hawkeyes. Dulick was Illinois' top receiver the past two seasons.



-Andrew



-Andrew Ryback

The female members of the cheerleading squad cheer on their male counterparts as they do push-ups in the shadow of the Illini's goal post.

Guenther's decision, he made the best of it.

"To me a contract is a contract," Tepper said. "I disagree with the decision, but I respect him and will be loyal to Illinois. Our philosophy has been to educate by promoting academic achievement, positive social behavior, racial harmony, and hard-nosed winning football. I'm sorry that we have not had more success on the field this season."



-Andrew Ryback

FACT NOT OPINION

UI		Opp.
8	Michigan	20
3	Southern Cal	55
0	Arizona	41
38	Akron	7
46	Indiana	43
14	Michigan State	42
24	Northwestern	27
20	Iowa	31
0	Ohio State	48
21	Minnesota	23
15	Wisconsin	35

Dulick tries to keep his balance after he is tripped up by a Hawkeye defender.





For the first time in over two decades, the Illinois basketball program entered a new season under the watchful eye of a new head coach. And it's hard to imagine how the transition to Lon Kruger could have been any smoother.

Despite losing the services of the Illini's second-leading scorer, senior forward Jerry Hester, and fielding a lineup with nobody standing taller than 6-foot-9, Kruger's first Illinois team managed to crack the Top 20 of the national rankings, reach 20 wins and—most importantly—receive a bid to the NCAA Tournament after a one-year absence. Additionally, after hauling in a keeper of a recruiting class, the Orange and Blue appear in good hands under Kruger.

In the most intriguing season opener in recent memory, Kruger and his squad travelled to Chicago to face longtime Illini assistant Jimmy Collins and his UIC Flames before a packed Pavillion. Although Illinois carved out an early double-digit lead, UIC chipped away until it pulled ahead with 7:00 remaining. But Kiwane Garri's 26 points helped Illinois pull away and make Kruger's debut a successful one.

Spending Thanksgiving in Hawaii, the Illini snuck by a stubborn Texas Christian squad to move to 3-0 and set up an early-season showdown with a ranked Louisville club. Despite trailing the whole game, senior forward Chris Gandy led Illinois to within a point with a couple minutes left.

But behind standout guard DeJuan Wheat's clutch play, the Cardinals held the Illini scoreless the rest of the way in a 70-60 win. Kruger's club rebounded from its first loss by draining 13 three-pointers in an easy win over Virginia Tech to close out the Big Island Invitational.

On their journey home, the Illini stopped in California for

DAWN OF NEW ERA

KRUGER WASTED NO TIME IN MAKING MARK ON PROGRAM, LED TEAM TO SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

Story by Dan Ryan • Layout by Wen-Hsiu Louie

**Illini
forward
Bryant**

Notree bursts through four UCLA defenders for two points. Illinois played against UCLA in front of 15,000 spectators at the United Center in Chicago. The Illini would go on to a massive 79-63 win, part of a six-game winning streak which ended with a heartbreaking loss to Big Ten rival Purdue.



-Ryan Donovan

B-BALL



-John Kim

a clash with the Bears. In a classic see-saw battle for momentum, the visitors took an 11-point lead into halftime before Cal's Ed Gray willed his team back into the contest. The two teams took turns tying the game late in regulation and overtime before Gray's 30th point of the night handed Illinois a demoralizing 89-88 setback. Garris had a career-high 34 points and made all 17 of his free throws in almost pulling off the road win.

Illinois returned home to feast on some non-conference competition, easily winning its 18th Illini Classic in as many years. MVP Garris, Gandy, Matt Heldman and Bryant Notree were named to what may have been the last all-tournament team in Classic history. The Illini entered their pivotal United Center showdown with talented UCLA at 8-2 and on a four-game winning streak.

Playing before a national television audience in Chicago, Illinois thoroughly dominated the sloppy Bruins for a 79-63 victory. Heldman hit five treys and finished with 19 key points and Gandy nailed a clutch three late to keep UCLA at bay. One week later, the Illini travelled to St. Louis' Kiel Center to renew their heated rivalry with Missouri. A balanced effort gave Illinois an



-John Kim

Illinois guard Kiwane Garris comes up uncontested for a layup in a home game against Northwestern. Garris earned numerous honors and awards in the 1995-96 season, including Illini MVP for the second consecutive season.

85-69 decision in the annual Braggin' Rights game against Norm Stewart's outmanned Tigers.

Entering the Big Ten portion of their schedule 10-2 and ranked 24th, the Illini fell flat in a disappointing 75-69 home loss to Purdue. The hosts shot a frigid .330 from the field in blowing a nine-point lead to the Boilers before a stunned Assembly Hall crowd. But Garris' clutch play (23 points) down the stretch at Ohio State helped stave off a Buckeye rally and give Kruger his first conference win on the road.

"It's probably the atmosphere—you can shoot good here," Garris said of St. John Arena, where he has traditionally killed OSU. "The players talked about what we needed to do to win in the Big Ten. One of the things we talked about was me coming out and knocking down some shots."

One of the recurring themes of the Big Ten season began to further develop at Michigan: as Garris went, so went the Illini. After the senior struggled to establish himself in an 88-74 loss at Michigan, Garris came home to burn Penn State for 22 points. Heldmon contributed 21 more as the Illini led from start to finish in a routine 85-70 victory over the Nittany Lions.

"Michigan made us look good, dictating on both ends of the floor," Kruger said. "But I didn't doubt our guys would bounce back and play awfully hard. I thought our effort and pressure on the ball was as good as we've had."

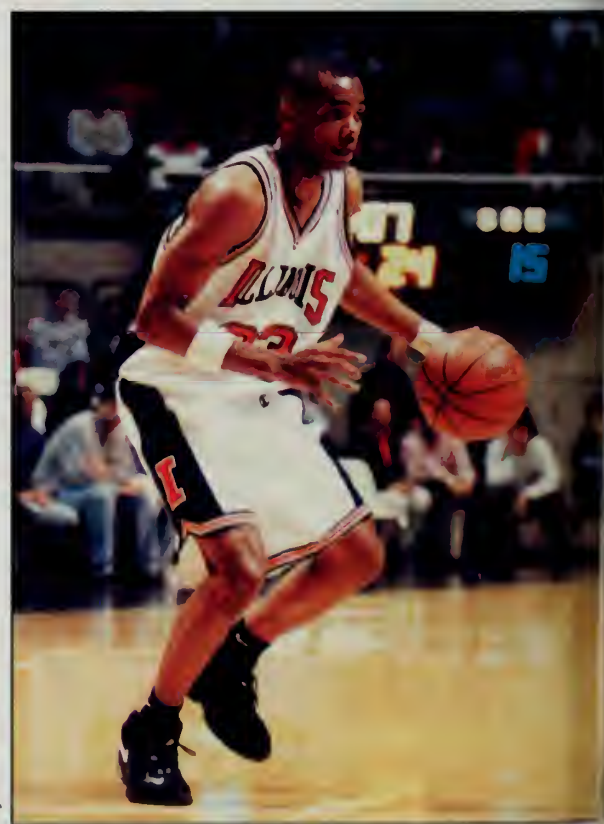
Illinois continued to burn the Assembly Hall nets in one of its largest wins in recent memory, a 96-90 classic over highly-ranked and Big Ten frontrunner Minnesota. Garris and conference Player of the Week Kevin Turner combined for 48 points as the Illini hit 11 treys in a great battle in which neither team could pull away from the other. The loss would prove to be the Gophers' only setback in their



-Ryan Dono

David Freeman and Herb Caldwell, along with the rest of the bench, look on in jubilation as the Illini play a game against UCLA. They had ample reason for celebration as Illinois added another win to its record.

Illinois guard Kevin Turner dribbles the ball around the perimeter against SAK Moscow before the regular season. Turner and Notree, who were also teammates in high school, continue a tradition of Simeon High players going on to play basketball for Illinois.



-Ryan Donovan



-Lance Johnson

Chris Gandy launches one from downtown in a game against Delaware State. Gandy, who can fill both center and power forward positions, helped the Illini overwhelm Delaware State 92-51.

Jerry Hester drives down the lane in a preseason game against SAK Moscow. Although Hester was red-shirted due to injury early in the season, he still attended Illinois' games to lend emotional support to his teammates.



-Ryan Donovan

first trip through the Big Ten.

The hot Illini continued their winning ways, moving to 14-4 and 4-2 in the conference after a clutch 66-63 road win at Michigan State's Breslin Center. Illinois nearly blew a big lead, but seniors Garriss and Gandy produced to the tune of 38 points, keeping the Spartans at bay in the last three minutes.

If the wheels on Kruger's ballclub didn't begin to fall off the next week, they at least began to squeak. The Illini seemingly could not hit the ocean from the shore when they hosted Wisconsin, shooting 3 for 33 from beyond the arc in a frustrating 73-56 loss to the Badgers, who drained nine of 10 three-pointers. Illinois followed this by dropping an 82-65 decision at a traditional dungeon, Iowa's Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Iowa point guard Andre Woolridge was the catalyst this time, outplaying Garriss badly in putting 23 on the board and dishing out key assist after key assist.

Just when fans starting thinking the Illini were slipping away, they jumped up and shocked Indiana with a 78-74 upset of Bob Knight's Hoosiers. Gandy (21 points) and Garriss keyed two Illinois runs that were critical in pulling off the upset in Bloomington in front of a national television audience.

After dismissing a pesky Northwestern squad behind Garriss' 34 points, the Illini continued to press for a bid in the NCAA Tournament with a key 66-51 home victory in the rematch with the Hawkeyes. Iowa came in as the nation's top rebounding team, but Illinois somehow pounded the Hawks on the boards (45-28) before a boisterous sell-out crowd at Assembly Hall.

After dropping a very forgettable game at Wisconsin, the Illini shifted their quest for an NCAA bid into overdrive. They took care of business at home with a double-digit victory over

Michigan State before narrowly missing an upset of No. 2 Minnesota at dreaded Williams Arena.

If that did not sew up an invite, then a rout of Penn State on ESPN certainly did, giving Illinois its ninth Big Ten win. Garriss poured in 27 as Illinois scorched the nets and caused PSU turnover after turnover in an overwhelming performance.

With a big home game on CBS against Michigan looming, Illinois had no time to celebrate. The hosts found themselves down 42-29 after a Wolverine trey early in the second half, but then dominated Michigan in their most impressive half of basketball in recent memory. Feeding off of an emotional Assembly Hall crowd, the Illini outscored the Wolves 41-9 the rest of the way. Michigan could not get off the canvas as Illinois landed knockout punch after knockout punch.

After a sluggish loss at Purdue to end the regular season, Illinois earned a rather disappointing sixth seed in the Southeast Region. But after staving off a USC rally in the second half of the tournament opener, the Illini appeared headed straight for the Elite 8. With favorites Duke and Georgia getting knocked off, Illinois was the highest seed left in its side of the bracket.

But they could not keep unregarded Tennessee-Chattanooga from a Cinderella story of an upset, 75-63 in the round of 32. As was the story all season for Kruger's team, rebounding plagued the Illini, ending their season at 22-10.



-Ryan Donovan

Kiwane Garriss lines up his shot from the perimeter under the watchful eye of a referee in a game against UCLA. Garriss, senior in ALS, has worked as a counselor at the Nike summer camp.

The Fighting Illini celebrate after winning the last Illini Classic.

The Illini have opted to discontinue the Classic to play two more competitive games during the season. In this year's Classic, the Illini beat Columbia and Tennessee State.



-Ryan Donovan



-Ryan Donovan

Jarrold Gee talks things over with Illinois coach Lon Kruger as the Fighting Illini battle SAK Moscow before the start of the season. Lon Kruger took over the coaching position after Lou Henson after having coached at Kansas State, Pan American and Florida, and winning the Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year Award twice.

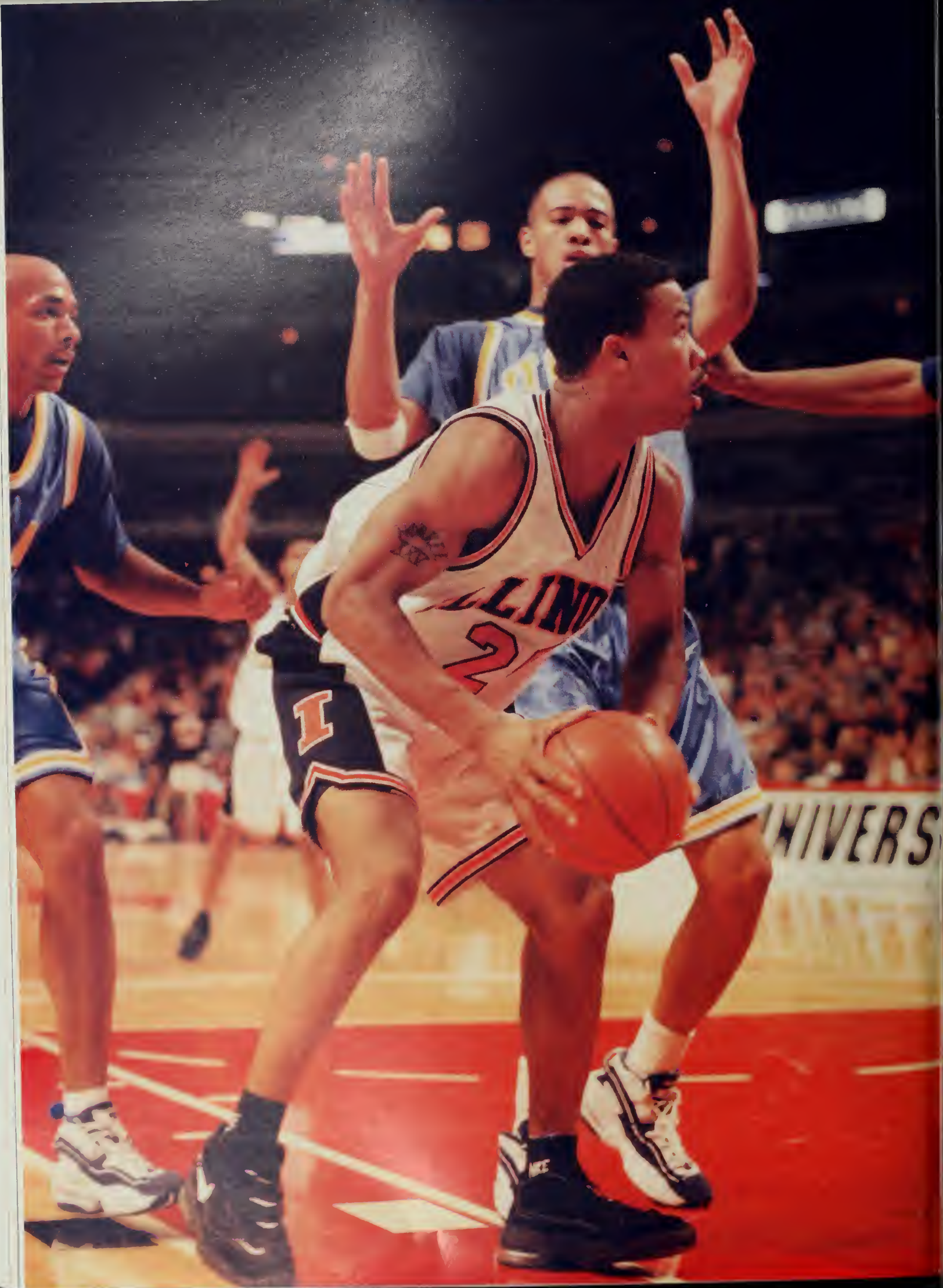
Illinois guard Matt Heldman, junior in CBA, keeps up the pressure against a Delaware State team on the offensive. Heldman is the top Illini free throw shooter at .886, winning the Ralf Woods Memorial Free Throw Award, and continues a family heritage of basketball players in college. Both his father and grandfather played collegiate basketball.



-Lance Johnson

FACT NOT OPINION

UI	Opp.
68 Illinois-Chicago	63
92 Delaware State	51
73 Texas Christian	67
60 Louisville	70
92 Virginia Tech	68
88 California	89
84 Columbia	59
86 Tennessee State	73
94 Chicago State	57
91 Coppin State	55
79 UCLA	63
85 Missouri	69
69 Purdue	75
72 Ohio State	64
74 Michigan	88
85 Penn State	70
96 Minnesota	90
66 Michigan State	63
56 Wisconsin	73
65 Iowa	82
78 Indiana	74
70 Northwestern	58
66 Iowa	51
45 Wisconsin	62
79 Michigan State	68
66 Minnesota	67
87 Penn State	65
70 Michigan	51
90 Ohio State	83
69 Purdue	77
90 Southern Cal	77
63 UT-Chatanooga	75





Expectations for the 1996-97 Illinois women's basketball season were mixed. The excitement over new head coach Theresa Grentz's first season was still there, mixed with thoughts that perhaps the Illini would fly even higher in her second year.

At the same time, doubts were evident. Illinois entered the year with an 18-player roster full of unproven, albeit talented prep stars. If their adjustment to the collegiate game would be a slow one, the Illini would be in for a long season.

Only junior guard/forward Ashley Berggren stood out in the preseason. The Big Ten's leading scorer and second-best rebounder earned herself preseason selections as a potential All-American and Player of the Year award winner.

Berggren averaged 24 points per game in the 1995-96 season, as a lack of talent around her forced her to take over games. But as practices progressed and the season drew near, it became clear that Berggren and Grentz had a great deal of help for the new season.

"I'm just going to continue to play my game and if the accolades come, that's great," Berggren said. "The most important thing for me is winning the Big Ten championship. I can receive all these individual awards, but it doesn't really mean anything unless the team is involved."

Two glaring needs on the Illini squad were met with the acquisition of four of the most sought-after prep stars in the state of Illinois. Melissa Parker filled in at the point guard position, getting instant playing time as the team's only true point. Katie Coleman came in as a strong 2-guard to provide offense and be a defensive force. Most importantly, though, were the additions of athletic forward Tauja Catchings and the dominant post player so sorely needed, 6 foot-5 Casey

FLYING ILLINI INDEED

GRENTZ'S TROOPS BURST INTO NATIONAL RANKINGS AS WOMEN PROVED THEY WERE THE REAL DEAL.

Story by Steve Hanf • Layout by Elena Ontiveros



-John Kim

Theresa Grentz and assistant coaches Kathy McConnel, LaVonda Wagner and Renee Reed attentively watch the Illini. The staff improved on court production and recruiting.

Ann Henderson shoots a jumper versus Lithuania during preseason action. Henderson competed at the off-guard position or the small forward spot this year.



-Andrew Ryback

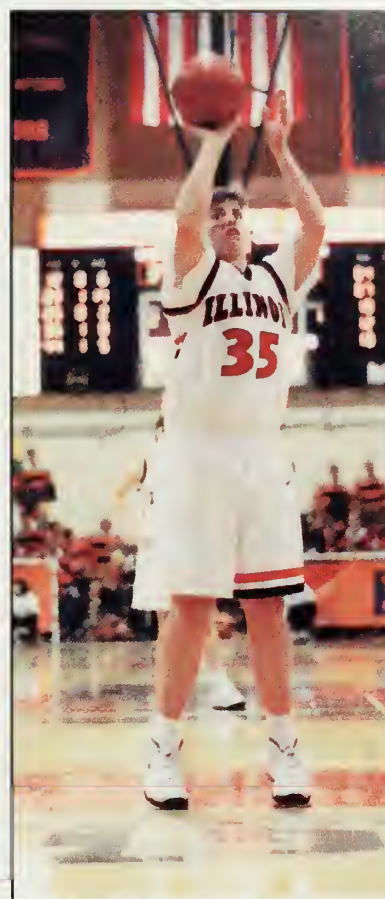
B-BALL



-Andrew Ryback



-Brian Stauffer



-Andrew Ryback

Freshman Melissa Parker calls out a play in the Illini's victory over Minnesota at Huff Hall. Parker, who played guard for the Illini, was the first of four freshmen recruits to commit to Theresa Grentz.

Tauja Catchings, one of Illinois' fab four freshman, shoots for two against Lithuania in the Fighting Illini's first game of the season. Catchings hailed from Bensenville and attended IHSA state champion Stevenson High School.

Leonhardt.

Joining the four-woman recruiting class Grentz secured was transfer Alicia Sheeler, who followed her former coach from Rutgers and had to sit out a year before regaining her eligibility. With that young group added to the already solid Berggren, 3-point specialist Krista Reinking and veteran leaders such as Ann Henderson and Nicole Vasey, Grentz had a solid roster. But could they win?

The season started on a sour note at the UNLV Desert Classic as Arkansas State handed Illinois a 95-89 loss. Even a convincing 92-71 win the following day against Sam Houston State in the consolation game did not ease the bad feeling of starting out the season with a loss.

Still, the Illini continued to roll, as wins over Southern Illinois and Missouri helped the squad to feel more comfortable playing together. But just when things looked to be on track, the Illini stumbled at Illinois State, taking a second loss with them to the Corvallis Gazette-Times

Classic at Oregon State.

The Illini didn't let their 68-63 setback against the Redbirds linger into the weekend. Illinois beat Creighton by 16 points and host Oregon State by 15 to win the title, the team's first of any kind in its 20 years of play. That weekend started getting the team members thinking they could compete with the nation's best.

An 18-point win against Southwest Missouri State and a 32-point thrashing of Butler had Illinois soaring into its Big Ten opener at Purdue on Dec. 27. Once again, the Illini crashed back to earth with a loss to start their "second season," opening conference play with a four-point setback.

But, as was the case after the Illini lost to Illinois State, the team was able to rebound with a win at No. 16 Wisconsin, beating the Badgers 73-67. Illinois started the new year with home wins against Big Ten foes Michigan State and Ohio State before embarking on a four-game road trip that would be the team's biggest test of the young season. The Illini faced No. 10 Arkansas and turned some heads with a 100-81 blowout over one of the Southeastern Conference's best teams. Illinois followed that convincing win with a narrow overtime victory at Minnesota and a disappointing loss at Michigan, showing the Illini were still a streaky team that couldn't put it together every night.

Despite the loss, Illinois went to Penn State and ended its road trip on a high note. The Illini's 85-74 win over the Nittany Lions was the first time the Lions lost to a Big Ten team on their home court since joining the conference four years ago.

That win, along with an injury to Reinking at the point guard position, would change the course of Illinois' season. Berggren had been playing consistently for Illinois to that point in the season, but the junior wasn't putting up the outrageous numbers she had a year ago—she didn't have to anymore. Sheeler was carrying the team



-Joel Rer

At the Orange and Blue Scrimmage held at Assembly Hall, Marchoe Dill penetrates down the lane against a member of the Blue team. Dill, a senior, played small forward for the Fighting Illini and was a consistent shooter and solid rebounder.

Katie Coleman drives down the lane to convert a layup in preseason action versus the Lithuanian National Team. Coleman, who played guard for the Fighting Illini, was a high school teammate of Tauja Catchings at Lake State Champion Stevenson High School.



-Andrew Ryback



-John Kim

Star forward Ashley Berggren lays the ball up for two points and the foul in the Illini's victory over Northwestern. The Illini beat the Wildcats 80-79 at Welsh-Ryan Arena in Evanston. Although it was an away game, the Illini played in front of a huge number of orange and blue-clad fans and the Illini pep band.

Head Coach Theresa Grentz explains to guard Melissa Parker what play the Illini are to run next. Grentz, a former Olympian coach and the eighth-winningest coach in NCAA history, is known for her intensity, motivation and enthusiasm.

inside, the freshmen were all stepping up and having big games, and Berggren was just going with the flow as the Illini went through their first winning season in a long time. But with backcourt mate Reinking on the bench, Berggren began to step up her game, and with it, Illinois' confidence and play began to rise to another level. A win on Jan. 19 against Indiana before a sold-out Huff Hall was just the start. Parker led the Illini in that game with a career-high 21 points, while Berggren tallied a team-high 10 rebounds against the Hoosiers. It was not until a week later, though, that Berggren would begin her tear through the league.

Bad luck plagued Illinois when it went to Northwestern on Jan. 24, as Parker sprained her ankle early in the game and joined Reinking and her bad ankle on the Illini bench. Without a point guard, the Illini were in a position similar to Grentz's first season—a position where Berggren had to run the point, attack the boards and score the points.

The Illini were trailing at halftime and needed every one of Berggren's 21 points, nine rebounds and nine assists to help lead the team back. But of all Berggren's passes, it was her final one, with the Illini trailing 79-77 with seconds left, that was the biggest. Berggren found Coleman in the corner, who hit a 3-pointer to win the game.

"They triple-teamed Ashley and I just rolled off to the corner for the shot," Coleman said. "When Ashley passed the ball to me I was actually in front of the 3-point line, but I scooted back."

That win propelled Illinois into the Associated Press' Top 25 for the first time in 10 years. Illinois stayed hot and used its momentum to gain two weekend wins over perennial Big Ten powers Iowa and Penn State at Huff Hall. More national attention followed, as the Illini jumped to No. 18 in the AP and



-Andrew Ryback

Illini Cheerleader Kristen Morschauser rises above the crowd to lead them in the "ILL-INI" cheer. This cheer, a crowd favorite, was usually used when the Illini were gaining momentum and to see which side of the arena had more true Illini spirit.



-Andrew Ryback

appeared on the USA Today/CNN coaches poll for the first time at No. 25. With Michigan State picking up a loss over the weekend, the Illini found themselves in a strange spot—first place.

"There's an awful lot of hope right now," Greutz said at the time. "We've replaced fear and doubt with confidence and courage."

The Illini used that new attitude to crush the woeful Minnesota Golden Gophers 95-76 on Feb. 9, and the team never looked back.

Center Casey Leonhardt goes up for the rebound against an opponent. A freshman from Downers Grove North, she was a dominant force scoring points in the paint.

An Illinois player goes up for two points at the annual Orange and Blue Scrimmage at Assembly Hall.



-Joel Rennich



-Andrew Ry



-Andrew Ry

The Illini huddle up and decide what play they will run next in an exhibition game versus the Mexican National Team.



-John Kim

Ann Henderson puts up an acrobatic shot in a game against Northwestern. The game turned out to be the most exciting of the year; the Illini shocked the Wildcats on a last second shot by Katie Coleman.

Melissa Parker drives down the lane with help from teammate Alicia Sheeler's pick of an Illini opponent. Parker's high intensity and good judgment helped the Fighting Illini push toward their best season ever.



-John Kim



-Andrew Ryback

Alicia Sheeler wrestles the ball from her opponent. Sheeler, who played for Theresa Grentz at Rutgers University, helped the Illini's inside attack with her height and fierce competitiveness down low.

FACT NOT OPINION

UI		Opp.
89	Arkansas State	95
71	Sam Houston St.	92
64	Southern Illinois	58
82	Missouri	66
63	Illinois State	68
87	Creighton	71
65	Oregon State	50
85	SW Missouri State	63
94	Butler	62
59	Purdue	63
73	Wisconsin	67
90	Michigan State	81
89	Ohio State	73
100	Arkansas	81
89	Minnesota	85
87	Michigan	93
85	Penn State	74
90	Indiana	81
80	Northwestern	79
83	Iowa	75
94	Penn State	79
95	Minnesota	76
84	Ohio State	81
75	Michigan State	78
82	Wisconsin	78
75	Purdue	80
98	Minnesota	76
77	Michigan State	66
56	Iowa	63
79	Drake	62
83	Duke	65







-Pete MacKay

An Illinois player goes up and sets during a practice session. The Illinois squad lost five starters, replacing them with a group of freshmen.



-Pete MacKay

The offensive power of Illinois players is tested during practice for an upcoming game. Although inexperienced, the young Illinois squad looks extremely promising, with the new players showing both enthusiasm and potential.

BUILDING UP AGAIN

AFTER LOSING FIVE STARTERS FROM OUTSTANDING SEASON, PROGRAM BEGAN RETURN TO FORMER LEVEL.

Story by Dan Ryan • Layout by Wen-Hsiu Louie

Whenever a team loses five starters and the coach from the year before, these losses usually forecast some growing pains for the next year. Especially for the men's volleyball club, where Illinois club president/outside hitter Terry Fallen was the only returnee from a memorable 1995-96 season.

Last year, Illinois strung together win after win in the regular season to post a sterling 10-4 record and climb to No. 3 in the national polls. After dominating the Big Ten by breezing to titles at Michigan State's "Back to the Hardwood" Classic, the Indiana Invitational and Michigan's Wolverine Classic, Illinois experienced a rude awakening of sorts in the postseason.

The top-seeded club was knocked off by rival Michigan State in the title match. And as if that was not enough, Illinois was upset by Texas A&M in the national tournament, an early exit for a club that had set its sights on the Final Four.

"We had the strongest team we've ever had here at the university last year," Fallen said. "We had a lot of guys together that had been playing together for a while, so it was a strong year for us."

But perhaps the most painful loss came after the season, when Illinois said farewell to starting setter Ken Kuhrt, outside hitter Lawrence Lee, middle blocker Andy Nedzel and coach Claudio Paiva. Together, this group represented a large part of the Illinois nucleus that had produced a Big Ten title in 1994 and top contenders since then.

"It's been a big change," Fallen said of this year. "We have a total of three guys that were on last year's team."

"We have picked up five freshmen, and they've been doing a good job considering how hard it is to get used to playing college club ball as compared to high school. We still have a strong team and a decent shot at winning the Big Ten this year, though."

Once again, Illinois opened at Michigan State's 40-team tournament in what would prove to be a measuring stick for this new unit. Although this group could not defend its title, Illinois nonetheless managed an impressive fifth-place showing in East Lansing.

After a disappointing 3-0 loss to the Loyola Ramblers, Illinois came home to Kenney Gym for its own eight-team invitational. The host club defended its homecourt to perfection, sweeping to the championship.

The win gave Illinois some needed momentum. And after placing third in the 20-team Iowa State Tournament, Illinois faced Big Ten rivals Indiana and Purdue back-to-back. In two encouraging matches, Illinois failed to drop a single game to either the Hoosiers or Boilermakers, posting two consecutive 3-0 victories over the conference schools. But with everything pointing in the right direction, Illinois was tripped up by Park College in a numbing 3-1 loss.

One source of stability for the club throughout the year has been the quarterback of Illinois' offense, setter Jeff Sandberg. Sandberg has benefitted from Illinois' ever-improving serve receive and passing, making his

job easier to put the ball where Fallen and fellow hitter Dan Pawlikowski can put the ball down. According to interim coach/trainer Nestor Escobales, serving also has emerged as Illinois' biggest weapon.

"I believe the guys didn't have good training before," Escobales said. "This year we have been more physical and have improved a lot on the fundamental techniques."

"I am very happy with their performance. Their attitude has changed, and I expect good results at the end."

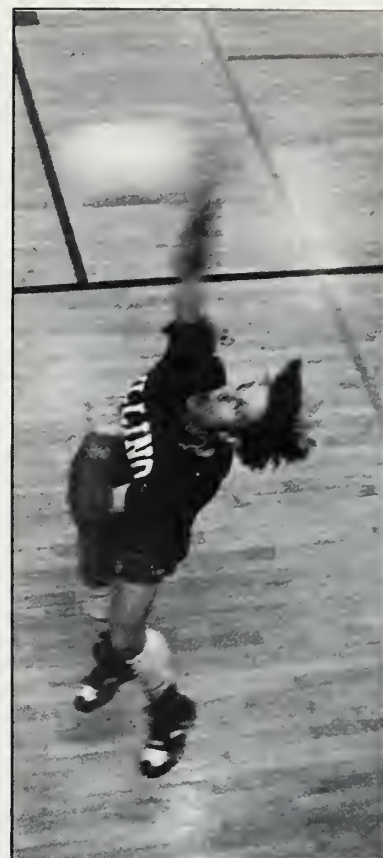
As Illinois tunes up for the Big Ten Championship, which will be hosted by Purdue this year, the returning players keep the bitter memories of last year's upset by the Spartans in the back of their heads, choosing instead to look forward at what is to come.

"We were really upset and disappointed," middle Pat Walsh said. "We learned that no matter how good you're doing in January and February, the only thing that matters is the end of the season. Peaking early isn't necessarily a good thing. More than anything, though, it makes me want to come back and win it this year."

"Everyone is talking about how we don't have the people we did last year, and I refuse to believe that. We have a lot of work to do, but we have a lot of young guys that are hungry to play. So there's more enthusiasm around this year."

Illinois' club may not have to wait too long before it returns to the top of the Big Ten and country. With more and more high school boys volleyball programs popping up in Chicagoland, Illinois' talent level will continue to solidify.

V-BALL



-Pete MacKay

FACT NOT OPINION

UI	Opp.	
5th	MSU Tourney	
0	Loyola	3
1st	Illinois Tourney	
3rd	Iowa St. Tourney	
3	Indiana	0
3	Purdue	0
1	Park College	3

If anything could have been more uncertain entering this season for the storied Illinois volleyball program, you could have fooled Illini coach Don Hardin. Hardin entered his first year at Illinois after a successful eight-year stint at Louisville with the task of bringing the program back to the heights that it experienced under Mike Hebert in the late 1980s.

To do this, Hardin encountered an Illinois team with just two upperclassmen, four sophomores and four freshmen after losing its two best players to personal reasons last winter. The current crew managed to finish 13-15 and 8-12, but that marked the first time in 12 years that the Illini did not finish in the top four of the Big Ten and advance to the NCAA Tournament. Not to say that the cupboard was bare, though, far from it.

All-Big Ten middle blocker Kelly Scherr proved to be the ideal senior leader and captain in her final season. A pair of sophomore hitters, Mary Coleman and Paula Prentice, were steady offensive weapons. And three freshmen, members of the nation's second-ranked recruiting class, setter Melissa Beitz, hitter Tracey Marshall and blocker Sara Sorrell made visible strides in learning by playing as starters.

"I know this first year is going to take years off my life," Hardin said before the season. "There's still a lot more to come, adjustments that we'll take for granted two years from now. They're frustrating at times because you've got to coach every point, you can't take anything for granted. You never know what's going to happen next. On the other hand, you love it because they're giving it all they've got."

Illinois' first test came in the All-Sport Challenge, where they lined up across from two ranked opponents, from the SEC in Georgia and Florida. Thanks

FACES OF CHANGE

ILLINOIS VOLLEYBALL SUFFERED ITS WORST SEASON IN OVER A DECADE, BUT THE BEST IS YET TO COME

Story by Dan Ryan • Layout by Wen-Hsiu Louie



-Andrew Ryback

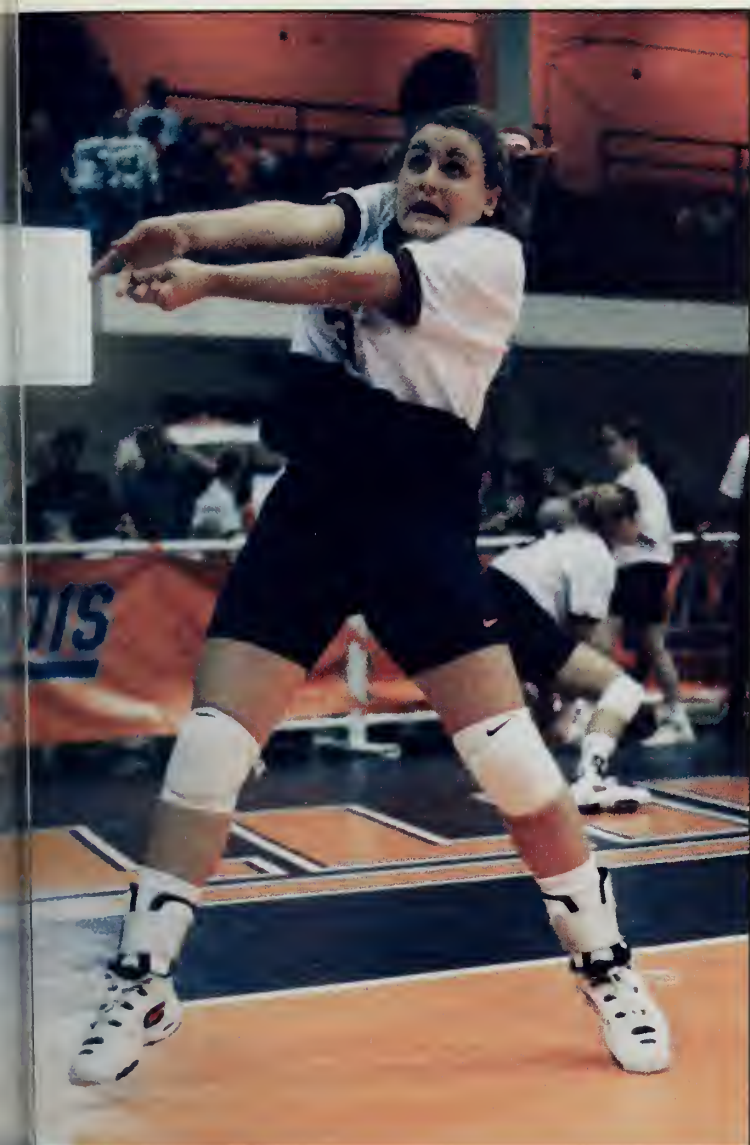
Laura Haselhorst attempts to spike the ball past two Minnesota defenders, but her attempt is blocked. Illinois offensive power should carry over to next year because their three hitters were underclassmen.

Kelly Scherr and Tracey Marshall block a Minnesota spike. All-Big Ten middle blocker Kelly Scherr was captain of this year's Illini team.



-Andrew Ryback

V-BALL



-Andrew Ryback

Carrie Cavato digs the ball during the team's warm up before a home game. Illinois lost freshman setter Melissa Beitz to mononucleosis for two weeks, but managed to claim their best game of the season by winning 3-0 against Louisville.

Illinois players throw their T-shirts into the stands after a game against Ohio State. Unfortunately Illinois was unable to overcome the Ohio State challenge, and suffered losses at both games.



-Andrew Ryback

to Prentice, the Illini surprised the Lady Bulldogs before getting overwhelmed by the Gators, who would later top the nation's polls.

"We didn't come here to lose any match, but we are happy with the win against Georgia, and we'll take this loss against Florida and work with it," Sorrell said. "It's nothing to be disappointed about, it just shows us what we have to work on."

And the Illini did, shaking off the two-week absence of Beitz when she went down with mononucleosis to register their best performance of the year, a 3-0 domination of host Louisville. With the emotional win directed by replacement setter Heidi Coulter followed by a victory in the Illini Classic, Illinois reached its preseason goal of entering the Big Ten at least 5-3.

Atop the conference with a 2-0 Big Ten record, the wheels began to come off for the Illini. Illinois dropped three agonizing matches in a row to No. 9 Wisconsin, Hebert's upstart Minnesota team and Purdue. Perhaps the pivotal point in the Illinois season came when they were up 14-9 with a chance to take a 2-1 lead on the Badgers, only to let both the game and the match slip away. They also



-Andrew Ryback

lost the longest match in Bailermaker history, taking three hours to climb back from a 2-0 deficit only to fall 18-16 in Game 5.

"When you rattle off points at the beginning of the game, the match is going your way and has a good look to it," Coleman said. "But it's not over until 15. We have to remember it doesn't stop at 10 or 11, you have to go all the way."

After wins against Indiana and Northwestern to move back to 9-6 and 4-3 in the Big Ten, Illinois slipped into a five-match losing streak to drop below .500 for good. Included in the slump was another heartbreaker against Minnesota, in which Illinois staved off six match points to force a fifth game. The trio of freshmen starters keyed a sweep of Indiana and Purdue to snap the skid.

"They are not playing like true freshmen right now," Hardin said. "They're lacking better and better as we go along."

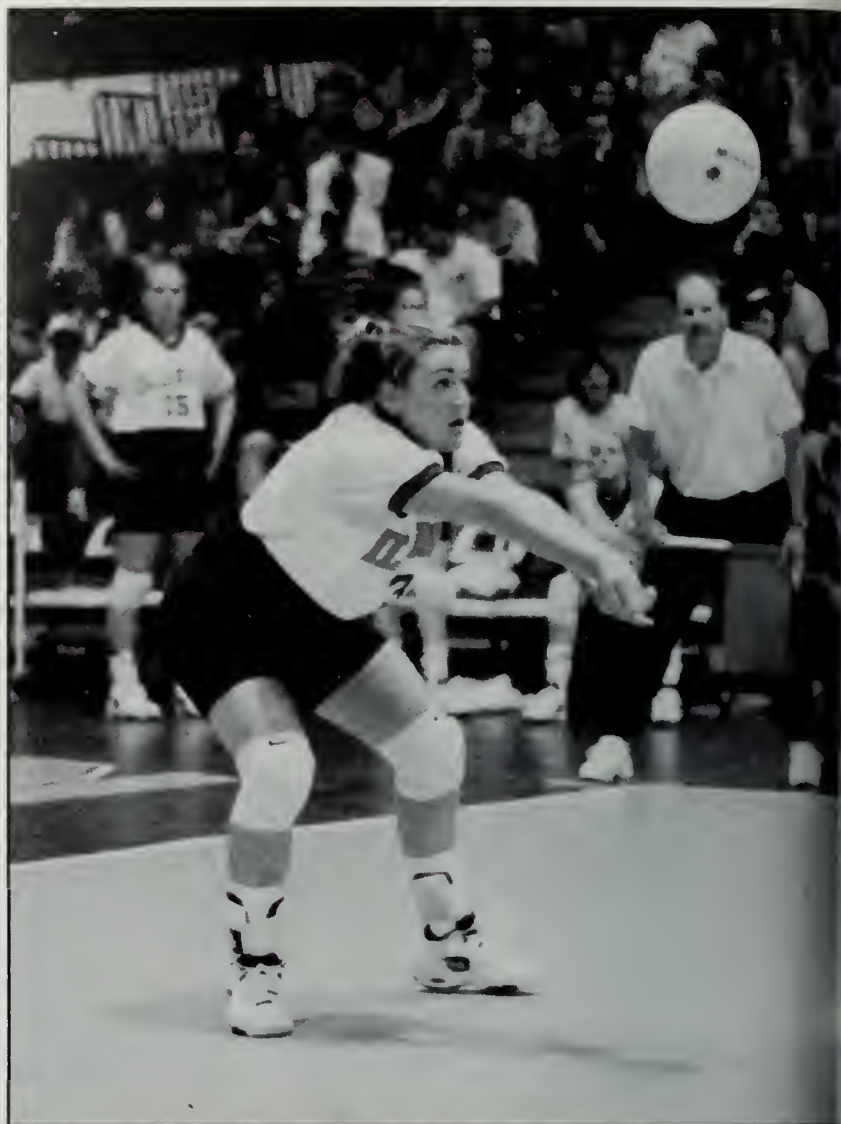
With their slim NCAA hopes on the line, the Illini were not able to overcome either Penn State or Ohio State at home to end any postseason aspirations they may have carried into the weekend. Illinois swept Iowa to close out their home schedule before finishing with yet another heartbreaking marathon loss at Michigan, losing 18-16 in the fifth and final game. The loss dropped the Illini to seventh place in the final Big Ten standings.

"I have mixed feelings in that we didn't achieve all the goals we set out to," Scherr said. "But it's satisfying to me to know that I was one of the starting blocks in the foundation that's helped to build this program."

It was indeed a solid one, with five starters returning for the next two years. And once again, despite the sub-standard campaign, Illinois was among the top five leaders in attendance most of the year, averaging over 2,600 fans per match. Maybe that was because Huff Gym fans know what is in store for them in the near future.

Carrie Cavato goes down low for a dig at home versus Minnesota. The Illini dropped both matches versus the Golden Gophers this season.

The Illinois team comes together for a huddle before the start of a game. Although the team only had two upperclassmen, the new freshmen players more than pulled their weight throughout the season.



-Andrew Rybak



-Andrew Rybak

FACT NOT OPINION

UI		Opp.
1	Illinois State	3
3	Illinois State	1
3	Georgia	1
0	Florida	3
3	Louisville	0
1	Georgia	3
3	So. Mississippi	0
3	Connecticut	1
3	Iowa	0
3	Michigan	2
1	Wisconsin	3
1	Minnesota	3
2	Purdue	3
3	Indiana	1
3	Northwestern	0
1	Michigan State	3
0	Ohio State	3
0	Penn State	3
2	Minnesota	3
0	Wisconsin	3
3	Indiana	0
3	Purdue	0
0	Michigan State	3
3	Northwestern	1
1	Penn State	3
0	Ohio State	3
3	Iowa	0
2	Michigan	3



-Andrew Ryback



The Illini Spikers heckle the Illini's opponent during an opposing serve. The Spikers were members of Illini Pride and attended every home game to help boost team spirit and morale.

Mellisa Bietz and Laura Haselhorst go up for the block in a game against Minnesota. The team was hampered by the loss of its two best players for personal reasons last winter.

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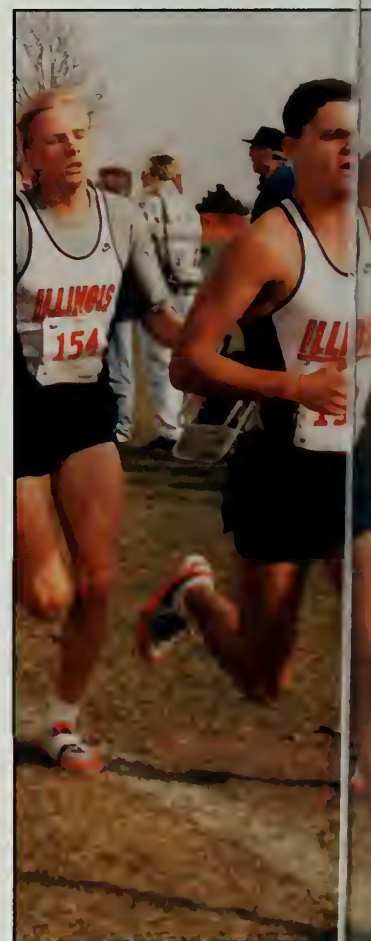
Barry Pearman, senior in ALS, and Jason Zieren, senior in ACES, create a team effort. Team members gave each other support and encouragement by running together in a pack.

Keeping ahead of a competitor breathing down his neck, Scott McClennan, freshman in Engineering, works his way to the finish



-Andrew Ryback

Starting out the race, Jason Zieren, senior in ACES, strides out in an attempt to get ahead of his opponents.



-Andrew Ryback

KEEPING THE PACK

ILLINI RUNNERS RACED AGAINST TIME FOR
AN EXCELLENT ILLINOIS FINISH.

Story by Ali Gerakaris • Layout by Michael Bach

CROSS
COUNTRY



-Andrew Ryback

Enjoying its status as one of the few ranked teams on campus this fall, the Illinois men's cross-country team took its time

perfecting its pack often to finish as the top team and broke a few records in the process.

Marked by standout performances of their top finishers, senior Barry Pearman and junior Jason Zieren, the Illini began their battle at the Illinois Invitational. Illinois finished second with 47 points to conference rival Wisconsin by six points. Although a first-place finish by Zieren lessened the blow, the season-opening invitational would not be the last time the Illini were foiled by the Badgers.

Illinois' second meet found them at Southern Illinois against the Salukis. The Illini defeated their in-state rivals, 33-2. Once again, Zieren was the top Illini finisher, winning the race with a season-best time of 24:32. Pearman finished third and junior Brett Siglin was fourth for the Badgers.

"It was a nice race for us to win even though conditions were a bit muddy and less than ideal," Illini coach Gary Wieneke said of the slippery course.

With a demanding Louisville course worsened by rain and mud, Wieneke gave his top four runners, Zieren, Pearman, Siglin and freshman Scott McClennan, a well-deserved week off.

Paced by junior Rob

Winfield and senior Joe Alexander, the Illini ended up finishing second with 38 points, not enough to chase down the host Cardinals, who totalled 22 points.

Illinois returned home to familiar turf when it hosted the NCAA Pre-District IV meet, winning it with 31 points. Fellow Big Ten rival Indiana was their closest challenger with 45 points. Zieren won his third straight race while Pearman and McClennan joined him among the top six.

The performance helped propel Illinois into the national rankings. The Illini found themselves ranked 22nd going into the Big Ten Championships on a chilly November afternoon in Bloomington, Ind., on the Hoosiers' campus.

On an especially hilly course, the Illini tied Penn State for fourth-place honors with 118 points. Eighth-ranked Wisconsin won, while No. 10 Michigan and No. 16 Michigan State raced past Illinois.

"We ended up right where we were ranked," Wieneke said. "We had hoped to catch one of those three teams, and we just didn't do that." Pearman finished fourth in the Big Ten with a time of 25:10, while Zieren finished less than a second later in fifth.

"It was a pretty good race," Zieren said after having run almost all of it with Pearman. He added that it was about the 8 kilometer mark that Pearman and the pack broke away. With 800

meters left in the race, Zieren caught back up with Pearman and the Wisconsin runners leading the pack.

"Throughout the race, Jason and I worked off each other," Pearman said. "What it came down to was who could push the hardest in the last 100 meters. I was really surprised (with finishing fourth). I had two mediocre races before that I was not really happy with."

"It was a great honor," Pearman said. "It was exciting, a great feeling to know I accomplished something I had been after for four years."

Zieren and Pearman advanced to the final meet of the season, the NCAA Championships, with strong showings at the District IV Championships. Notre Dame, ranked 16th, won in an upset over the Badgers. Illinois finished sixth behind Michigan, Central Michigan and MSU once again.

Illinois' standouts made the most of their last home meet. Pearman finished third out of 240 runners, while teammate Zieren placed seventh. Both earned an invitation to the NCAA Championships in Arizona.

"Barry and Jason did a great job," Wieneke said. "They have been the leaders of this team all season and really stepped it up for the biggest race of the year. Even though we did not make the trip to Tuscon as a team, we had a good season."

FACT
NOT
OPINION

UI	Opp.
2nd	Illinois Invitational
33rd	Southern Illinois
2nd	So. Indiana Invite
22nd	
1st	Pre-District IV Meet
4th	Big Ten Championship
6th	NCAA District IV Championships



-Charles C

Hand-eye coordination is absolutely necessary for the fundamental lacrosse ball-handling skills employed during the course of the game. Deft manipulation of the stick is key not only to scoring, but also to cradling, in which the player runs while keeping the ball in the stick.

Sarah Dennis, senior in CBA, takes a running shot during one of many Sunday night practices used to sharpen the skills of a young Illinois team. Lacrosse is an extremely strenuous sport involving the entire body, in which physical strength and endurance are prerequisites for players in this game.



-Charles

ILLINOI BLAZING TRAILS

**DESPITE ROUGH YEAR, ILLINOIS ESTABLISHED PROGRAM
AND RAISED SIGHTS FOR THE FUTURE.**

Story by Sarah Ryan • Layout by Wen-Hsiu Louie

The spring of 1996 hopefully hailed the beginning of a long tradition of women's lacrosse at the University of Illinois. The team's first season was a little shaky due to a lack of both players and experience, but their determination kept them alive. With their first season out of the way, the women then focused their efforts on sharpening their skills and learning the in's and out's of the game.

Lacrosse, which originated in the Native American culture, continues to be very popular at many East Coast colleges. Lately, it's also been generating interest in the Midwest, where many high school and colleges are forming teams.

Although lacrosse's popularity is rapidly growing, the women's team here at Illinois was still missing the experience it needed to be competitive. Many of the players were high school athletes, though, which made possible a relatively smooth transition into the game.

"We have many former soccer players, track and cross-country runners," senior defender and club president Sarah Dennis said. "Because they already possessed some of the skills needed, they weren't intimidated to join."

The team's youth proved to be both a strength and weakness for the club. On one hand, it has given them a full roster of players who know the game and have already played together. On the other hand, however, it has also caused them to be inexperienced at times.

"We have a lot of room for improvement," Dennis said of

the situation her team encountered, not to mention the lack of a coaching staff, which also posed a problem for the team. The players felt a coach would bring them order and discipline as well as the experience they needed to compete.

Exchange student and team captain Charlotte Steel, a native of England, lead the pack in scoring and skill. Because she had played lacrosse for a long time, Steel offered her expertise at drill time and during matches. Unfortunately, she would only be staying in the United States for a short time.

"Charlotte is one of our top scorers," midfielder and fellow captain Lisa Colecchia said. "She has excellent stickwork and can easily maneuver around opponents."

In order to be effective offensively, one must be fast, possess good throwing and catching skills in addition to maneuverability. With their quick moves and standout ballhandling, Colecchia and fellow sophomore Bridget Olp were Illinois' offensive leaders.

Defenders must be able to cradle the ball and stay with their opponent. Skilled cradlers are able to run while keeping the ball in the stick. Defensive standouts included Sarah and Mary Kate Dennis.

Illinois joined the Women's Collegiate Lacrosse League, a Division IV conference that included other members such as the University of Chicago, Indiana, Northwestern, Purdue and Wheaton College. Illinois also faced Michigan, Wisconsin and Lake Forest College during the

course of their season.

The "Run Jane Run" Tournament hosted in Fort Wayne, Indiana, started off the team's fall exhibition season. The women suffered tough losses to Michigan and Indiana, but scored their first—and only—victory over Purdue by a 15-2 count. Illinois placed third overall in the tournament.

Defeating the Boilermakers proved to be a major turning point in the season. Not only was the match the first win for the women, but the victory encouraged them to keep trying.

"We were really excited when we won that game," Colecchia said. "It really built up our confidence and set the tone for the rest of the season."

The team had some close matches at Purdue's tournament, but they couldn't get the clincher. Two tough losses to Chicago ended Illinois' fall season. Although the campaign was a tough one, the team had no regrets about its losses.

"We are a very new team, but we have improved dramatically," Sarah Dennis said. "We have a lot going for us and many expectations for next season."

The squad planned to work on its defensive skills and expand on the current set of plays. Colecchia mentioned the need to be more aggressive when checking, one of the defense's most glaring weaknesses. Also, the spring season provided a stage for the players to step up and show their skills. The team included a number of standouts, including midfielders and forwards. And Kristina



-Charles Cass

FACT NOT OPINION

UI	Opp.	
3rd Ft. Wayne Tourney		
0	Michigan	16
7	Indiana	11
5	Purdue	6
15	Purdue	2
7	Indiana	10
7	Purdue	8
5	Wisconsin	6
3	Chicago	9
5	Chicago	6

HOCKEY



-Andrew Ryback

TRYING TO RECOVER

ILLINI HOCKEY CLUB CONTINUED A FRUSTRATING FALL FROM NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT DESPITE EFFORT.

Story by Brian Wasag • Layout by Wen-Hsiu Louie

FACT NOT OPINION

UI		Opp.
5	St. Louis Sting	8
2	St. Louis Sting	4
1	Iowa State	10
6	Iowa State	6
6	Western Michigan	1
3	Western Michigan	3
2	Eastern Michigan	3
0	Michigan-Dearborn	4
5	Delaware	6
2	Delaware	4
7	Marquette	0
9	Marquette	4
1	Arizona	6
4	Arizona	7
3	Michigan-Dearborn	5
5	Michigan-Dearborn	6
2	Ohio	4
7	Kent State	0
6	Wisconsin-WW	3
4	Wisconsin-WW	5
1	Iowa State	6
3	Iowa State	5
6	Wisconsin-WW	3
5	Wisconsin-WW	4

The Illini hockey club's 1996-97 final season record might not have reflected it, but the young team that was hampered by injuries all season long played with a great deal of heart.

After losing its first four games of the season, the Illini finally came away with a home win against the Western Michigan Stallions, 6-1, but could not muster as impressive a performance in the second game of the series, tying the Stallions 3-3 the following day.

The club's level of play in the tie was indicative of a problem that would plague the Illini all season long—its inability to protect its zone and play aggressively on special teams.

"Our power play looked terrible," team captain Rob Malstrom said. "I don't think we got a set-up once."

Another challenge that haunted the Illini this season was its incapacity to maintain early leads during important games. The Illini blew a 2-0 lead during a 3-2 loss to the Eastern Michigan Eagles and did virtually the same thing twice the following weekend against the University of Delaware Blue Hens.

The Illini had a two-goal lead only to see it disappear midway through the game during both a 6-5 loss to Delaware and a 4-2 loss the next day.

The Illini might have thought that cancer was in remission when they faced the Marquette University Golden

Eagles for its first set of home games against a division opponent in November. The club collected impressive 7-0 and 9-4 victories during the weekend series, and it looked as though the team might be making a turnaround. Illini head coach Robert Turngren put the games against the Golden Eagles in perspective.

"I don't think it's more important than any of the other (non-division) series," Turngren said. "But looking at how we've done and where it falls."

That success was shortlived as the Illini travelled to Arizona to play the Icecats in a series pervaded by toughness and a number of fights, even though the officials did not hand out a single major fighting penalty. Most of the penalties assessed to the two teams were double minors and game misconducts during a series in which, according to Turngren, "havoc reigned."

A bruised Illini club left Arizona with 6-1 and 7-4 losses respectively.

The Illini lost their fourth in a row when the club returned home to play Michigan-Dearborn during a series in which the officials were more kind to the Illini.

The special teams could only muster one power-play goal in the second period despite being on the power play four times in the second.

"We can't ask the refs to be any better to us than they were," Turngren said.

The Illini still, however, walked away from the home series with a 5-3 loss to the Wolves and a 6-5 loss to Michigan-Dearborn the next day.

It looked as though the Illini might continue its downward spiral after a 4-2 home loss to Ohio University, but the club bounced back to pummel Kent State with a 7-0 shutout. The Illini abandoned its experimentation with a new defensive system called a "passive forecheck" after the first period of its loss to Ohio University and played more aggressively toward the later stages of the game.

The Illini would need a sweep of the Warhawks and a split with Iowa State the next weekend. It looked as if the team would make short work of the Warhawks after a 6-3 win the first night, but the club watched its postseason potential slip away after losing to Wisconsin-Whitewater 5-4 the following night in overtime. Despite this fact, the Illini still wanted to upset the top-ranked Cyclones in front of their fans at the University Ice Arena.

"I hate these guys," Hayes said of the Cyclones. "I think everybody on our team should hate them. It's a very important weekend, though, because you've got to have your pride."

Alas, the Fighting Illini could not compete against the Cyclones, losing both games by scores of 6-1 and 5-3.



-Andrew Ryback

The Illini take it all the way to the Michigan-Dearborn goal as the goalie and a defender try to keep them at bay. Unfortunately, the Illini lost the game 6-5.



-Andrew Ryback



-Andrew Ryback

An Illini player checks a Michigan player, allowing his teammate to pass unhindered. Illinois was unable to overcome its weaknesses to perform impressively.

An Illinois player gets ready to pass as the team goes on the offense. In the end, Illinois did not qualify for the American Collegiate Hockey Association's National Tournament.



Photo MacKay

Illinois players jostle and vie for position in a practice game at the Ice Arena. A balanced mix of freshmen and seniors on the team meant that energy and enthusiasm was tempered by experience and know-how.

Two Illinois players scramble fiercely for control of the puck during a practice game. Fitness and toughness are important elements of most hockey teams, and the Bradley and Kentucky teams were especially physical, although the Illinois squad fared well against both.



Photo MacKay

NEVER LOOK BEHIND

TEAM LOOKED FORWARD TO IWCHA CHAMPIONSHIP DESPITE THE LOSS OF ILLINOIS' TOP THREE SCORERS.

Story by Jared Mauck • Layout by Wen-Hsiu Louie

After losing its top three scorers from the previous season, the Illinois hockey club wasn't sure it would be able to match last season's second place finish in the Illinois-Wisconsin Collegiate Hockey Association (IWCHA). After two convincing wins over Saint Louis University in its first two games, however, it was clear that this Illinois team would be no pushover.

"(The team) looks pretty exciting," junior assistant captain Ryan O'Connell said. "We have a young but talented team and something of a suicide schedule, but if we can make it through this first semester we're definitely going to be in the running for a national championship."

"We don't have any easy teams," junior assistant-captain Dave Llewellyn said. "We kind of forgot to schedule the patsies, so they're all going to be hard. (However) our goal this year is still to win the nationals."

Illinois faced its first real challenge on October 11, when perennial powerhouse Tennessee was scheduled to come to the UI Ice Arena. But a last minute cancellation resulted in an unplanned week off, which would end up hurting Illinois in its next game, a 5-4 loss at Virginia.

Illinois rebounded with a 7-2 victory the next night, giving them a 3-1 record heading into its much anticipated match with rival Bradley. Bradley had beaten Illinois for the conference championship the year before, and had the look of a team that was more than ready to defend its title.

"They're a very solid team, we're expecting them to come out physically and play their positioning

really well," junior Mike Kranz said. "We've got to come out and play our system, and just basically counteract what they're going to do the ice, so we can get our own chances and play our style of game."

Illinois came out strong, but fell just short, losing 3-2 in Peoria. Despite the loss, the play of sophomore Bryan Harej gave reason for Illinois to be optimistic.

"(Harej's) phenomenal," Llewellyn said. "When he left school, he kind of took it personally, and he came back even stronger."

After leaving school for a year, Harej, the team's number one goalie as a freshman, returned to his old post, and it was like he never left. While Illinois adjusted to many new faces on the defensive end, Harej continued to stifle opponents with his blocking ability and overall toughness.

When Harej returned he didn't expect to face a challenge for the number one spot, nor did the team. But Michigan native Dave Honecker has made his own claim to the number one job by playing exceptionally well in limited action, though the two insist that there is no rivalry between them.

"We both understand how everything's going to go," Harej said, "and the coaches have explained to us how it's going to work throughout the season."

"Coming into the season I pretty much expected (Harej) to have the job, because he had it last year, and I'm brand new to the team and all," said Honecker, while at the same time adding, "but I don't think there's too much separating us."

Despite losing two of its next three, Illinois was happy with the way they were playing, and

they knew that the only games that really counted were in the conference tournament. With two games against a very strong Kentucky team, Illinois had a good chance to see how they matched up against the best in the country.

If those two games were any indication, Illinois will perform very well come playoff time, as the club tied both games 2-2. Freshman Matt Kranz had three assists over the weekend, and Llewellyn added two goals of his own as Illinois improved to 4-4-2.

"It was just like the Bradley series all over again, a very physical, hard skating series," co-coach Brad Wilson said. "We didn't have as many lapses as we've been having the past few weeks."

"We played a lot better as a team," junior Geoff Van Dyke said. "Their defense in the zone was pretty good, they kept us from getting a lot of good shots, but overall I thought we outplayed them. We should have won both games."

Illinois now had only two more games left before winter break, and the team realized how important those wins would be to the team's confidence.

"(A win) would certainly help the attitude going into break," Llewellyn said. "We definitely don't want to go in on a losing note, and we're definitely good enough that we shouldn't be .500"

Illinois got its wish, as it handled Butler rather easily on the road. It finally seemed as if Illinois had come together and started playing the way it has wanted to season long. Led by seniors and energized by the championship is on

HOCKEY



-Pete MacKay

FACT NOT OPINION

UI		Opp.
4	St. Louis	3
5	St. Louis	1
4	Virginia	5
7	Virginia	2
2	Bradley	3
9	SIU-Edwardsville	4
2	Bradley	4
5	Northern Illinois	9
2	Kentucky	2
2	Kentucky	2
9	Butler	5
3	Butler	2

During a meet, an Illini member runs alongside her competition. To help bring the team closer to a victory, it was important to concentrate on pace and endurance.



-Andrew Ryback

Illinois has a lone runner at an Illinois cross country meet. Although the Illini had a difficult season due to a number of injuries, the team placed in the top five in four out of seven major meets.



-Andrew Ryback

YOUNG AND RESTLESS

THE YOUTHFUL LADY HARRIERS DEALT WITH INEXPERIENCE AND INJURIES, BUT STAYED OPTIMISTIC.

Story by Kevin Connolly • Layout by Colleen Christensen

To many observers, the 1996 season was supposed to be a rebuilding year for the Illinois women's cross-country team. After all, the squad was returning only four runners with Big Ten experience, and a whopping nine freshmen would be new to the program. It was not difficult to predict that success would be a few years in coming for the lady harriers.

Entering the season, Illinois head coach Gary Winckler spoke of the "new chapter" that was being opened for the Illini. The pressure was on the 1996 squad to erase the disappointment of a ninth-place finish at the 1995 Big Ten Championships. In addition, Winckler was not sure how the rookie runners would handle the transition from the high school scene to the Division I level of competition. As a result, he set no preseason expectations for his young squad.

"I didn't put a prediction on them," Winckler said. "I had never worked with them before. We just hoped for the best. We were wondering how they would handle the jump from two to 3.1 miles, and I think they adapted well."

The Illini started out the season at home, hosting the Illini Invitational. The Orange and Blue placed fourth with a team total of 104 points. Freshman Condace Nicholson was the top Illini finisher with a time of

17:47, and senior Jenny Marine took 21st with a time of 18:31.

"That was a good race for me," Nicholson said. "My goal was to finish under 18 minutes, and it was great to do that in the first meet."

A week later, the Illini travelled to Charleston for Eastern Illinois University's Big Blue Invite. Illinois' total of 25 points was good for a first-place finish out of nine teams. The Illini dominated this meet in placing three runners, senior Kim Donohue (2nd), senior Jenny Heise (3rd) and sophomore Danielle Fonzino (4th), in the top five and five runners among the top ten finishers.

Illinois then prepared for the Indiana Invite, a meet that was run on the challenging Big Ten course in Bloomington. The hilly course hampered Marine, who aggravated a leg injury and was forced to leave the race. Nicholson was the top Illini finisher, rolling in at 20th place. Illinois' sixth-place showing edged out the host school, with the Hoosiers taking seventh.

After the Indiana Invite, the Illini hosted the NCAA Pre-District IV Championship. Led by Nicholson in fourth, Donohue in 10th and newcomer Sandra Meneses in 16th, Illinois placed third out of 12 teams.

Next up for the Illini was the Central Collegiate Invite at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. The harriers took

a disappointing fifth in the meet as two Mid-American conference teams, Ohio and host WMU, finished first and second, respectively. Winckler indicated the Illini were not ready that day.

Again led by Nicholson (20th), Illinois cruised to a sixth-place finish at the Big Ten Championships at Indiana two weeks later. Wisconsin took home its second straight Big Ten crown with 28 points. Donohue crossed the finish line in 29th, while freshman Gina Marianetti did so in 37th place.

Nicholson was the top Illini finisher in every meet she competed in this season except the NCAA District IV Championship, the last meet of the year. Illinois took 13th at that meet, and many runners joined Winckler in being disappointed with the results.

"Overall, I'd have to say I am very pleased with this group. They were a lot of fun to work with, and they had a lot of enthusiasm. They improved a lot as the year went on, and they have a lot to look forward to," said Winckler.

The Illini lost two seniors in Donohue and Marine. Donohue was in the Illini top five all year, and Marine, Illinois' 1995 co-MVP, was hampered by the foot injury that affected her performance.

Optimism is high for Illinois because "most of the returning

CROSS
COUNTRY



-Andrew Ryback

FACT NOT OPINION

UI	
4th	Illinois Invite
1st	Big Blue Invite
6th	Indiana Invite
3rd	NCAA Pre-District IV Championship
5th	Central Collegiate Invite
6th	Big Ten Championships
13th	NCAA District IV Championship

SOCCER



-Ryan Donovan

READY FOR BIG TIME

ONE YEAR BEFORE PROGRAM WAS TO ENTER VARSITY LEVEL, CLUB ADVANCED TO NATIONAL FINAL FOUR.

Story by Jared Mauck • Layout by Elena Ontiveros

FACT NOT OPINION

UI	Opp.
0	Purdue 1
4	Bradley 0
7	Bradley 0
5	Indiana 0
2	Ohio State 2
3	Ohio 0
0	Miami (Ohio) 2
6	Ball State 1
6	Western Michigan 0
2	Northwestern 0
3	Western Michigan 0
3	Iowa 0
7	Southern Illinois 0
4	Western Illinois 2
0	Purdue 0
7	Indiana 0
3	Principia 0
3	Iowa 1
3	Western Illinois 0
4	Central Michigan 1
8	Bradley 0
4	Northwestern 0
5	Western Illinois 0
6	Kansas 0
5	Clemson 0
2	Ohio State 0
1	Penn State 0
0	Miami (Ohio) 1

For the Illinois women's soccer team, 1997 was supposed to be a rebuilding year. Coming off a successful 1996, which included a trip to the Final Four, Illinois graduated nine seniors out of a squad of 20, and nobody knew how the new players would perform.

The new players were rusty, as evidenced by a 1-0 loss to Purdue in Illinois' season opener. But they soon rebounded and proceeded to reel off a five-game unbeaten streak, sending the message that the University of Illinois would be no pushover.

The streak came to an end, however, when the club faced a tough Miami (Ohio) team which was returning most of its players from its Final Four team of the previous year. Illinois lost 2-0, but the club would not lose again for 19 straight games. Beginning with a 6-1 trouncing of Ball State, Illinois found an offense to go with a defense that had only allowed four goals in its first seven games.

That defense went on a run of five straight shutouts, capped off by a 7-0 blowout over Southern Illinois, and Wilson knew his team was going places.

Illinois struggled against Western Illinois, winning by a score of 4-2. Next up was a rematch against Purdue, and a chance for the club to prove they were for real.

In a back and forth battle which saw the teams

deadlocked in a scoreless tie at halftime, no team appeared to have any edge. The second half started off much like the first, but Illinois got a great shot to move ahead when Purdue was called for tripping with about four minutes left. Player-coach Stefani Smith's shot sailed just high of the goal, however, and Illinois had to settle for a 0-0 tie.

With the tie, Illinois clinched a berth in the National Tournament, which had been the team's goal all along. But what Illinois had not been planning on was being on the verge of breaking two team records: most goals in a season (83) and fewest goals allowed in a season (11).

Illinois finished its second half of the season much like it started, scoring eight straight victories, including three straight shutouts in the conference tournament. The Midwest Conference champions now headed to Austin, Texas for the National Tournament, and expected nothing but a championship to keep them warm for the ride home.

The tournament opened with Illinois facing Kansas in the preliminary rounds. The club whipped Kansas 6-0, and showed that they were one of the premier teams there. That win was followed by consecutive shutouts over Clemson and Ohio State and Penn State, which Illinois won on penalty kicks. Illinois was putting up the best numbers at the tournament, and only a rematch against Miami

(Ohio) stood in their way of the championship game.

Illinois came out firing, but the Miami defense stood strong. It looked like the game was heading to overtime when a Miami player rolled the ball past Loechl for the game winner. Illinois returned home with its second straight loss in the Final Four.

"(Miami) was a tough loss, but the players were amazingly composed for as young as the team was," Wilson said. "Miami was probably playing the best of any team in the tournament, so they pretty well earned that win."

Illinois ended the season with the record for goals (102) and tied the record for goals allowed. At the end, players and coaches alike had only positive remarks about the year.

"I just didn't know what to expect," sophomore Sarah Mitchell said. "After a few practices and a few games, I knew we were going to be good, but I didn't know how good."

"This was probably the most prepared group of freshmen we've ever had, in terms of both their fitness and their ball skills."

The Illinois women's soccer team started the season with expectations, then by all accounts exceeded them. The youth of the team only boded well for the future, where they should have many chances to bring home the National Championship that has eluded them for the past two years.



-Ryan Donovan



-Ryan Donovan

A member of the Illinois soccer team passes the ball to a fellow team member further down the field, while other players charge to retrieve what may be a loose ball. Part of playing a good game was anticipating what move the opposition would make next and preparing to counter it.

An Illinois player prepares to steal the ball from an opposing team member. Not only did Illinois win games by developing a good offense, but they also realized that it took good defense as well.



-Photo courtesy of the team

The
1996-
1997

Illinois
men's
soccer team.

Illinois
forward
Paul
Ruscheinski,
sophomore
in LAS,
prepares to
pass the ball
in a game
against
Iowa.
Illinois went
on to win
the game
3-2.



-Photo courtesy of the team

LONG TERM GOALS

THE END OF A GREAT SEASON ONLY SPELLED BETTER THINGS TO COME FOR ILLINOIS YOUNG BLOOD.

Story by Sarah Ryan • Layout by Wen-Hsiu Louie

The men's soccer team came into the 1996 fall season ready to roll. With a third-place finish at nationals the previous year and a number one preseason ranking already under their belt, this team had great expectations for the season. Winning the national title was placed highly on their list.

"Every year our top two goals are to get to nationals and win. In fact, we have never not qualified," said sophomore stopper Doug Layne.

The Illini had the confidence to do well, plus many returning starters, including key players senior sweeper Andy Stump, senior center midfielder Craig Wunderlich, and sophomore stopper Doug Layne.

Sophomore Paul Ruscheinski and graduate student Bora Esenler also helped pave the way to the National tournament. Their consistent scoring efforts and offensive skills greatly benefitted the team.

"Paul and Bora have scored a lot of goals for us. They work very well together, and their playing styles are complementary," said Wunderlich.

Seniors such as Martin, Wunderlich, Stump and defender/team coach/club president Mark Kuschemba provided leadership for the team this season. In previous years, the club did not have the experience and depth to put them over the top of other teams.

Their experience and consistency proved to be a major advantage for them this season.

"We had a lot of seniors this year who wanted to play, but everyone accepted their role," said senior left midfielder Patrick Martin. "Also, we did not have a coach, but everyone came together and shared the responsibilities."

To add to Illinois' good fortune, the club sustained no major injuries. As with most sports, some of the players suffered minor injuries, but none caused major setbacks.

"We were lucky this season. When you lose someone good, it has an effect mentally on the players," said Martin.

The club began its season with a tough 3-1 loss to the University of Illinois-Springfield, a traditionally good team.

"University of Illinois-Springfield is always our first game of the year. That game is usually a measuring stick for the rest of the season," said Layne.

They picked up their first win against Northwestern's varsity by a score of 3-2. They suffered only two more losses to Ball State and Purdue's club team before a loss at the National Club Soccer Championships at Arizona in November. The club had a five-game winning streak until a tie with Bowling Green's club team, and went on to win six more games before losing a tough decision to Southwest Texas State in the final

tournament. Other important wins included a victory over rival Michigan (2-0) and undefeated College of DuPage (2-1).

"Michigan is one of our biggest rivals, and everyone gets excited about that game. It felt great to beat them," said Martin.

The club entered the regional with a No. 1 seed and a 10-4-2 record. They were victorious in all three regional games, which made them the top-ranked club entering the national tournament hosted in Arizona.

They tied 2-2 with University of California-Berkeley in their first game, and shut out Minnesota 3-0. Southwest Texas State knocked the Illini out of the tournament, though, beating them 3-1.

Despite the disappointing loss to Southwest Texas State, not all was lost. Senior defender Phil Nomura was named to the all-tournament team at the tournament.

The club ended their season with an impressive 14-4-2 record. Despite a discouraging ending, all were pleased with the results of their season and anticipated even better results next year.

"The younger guys have a lot to look forward to. They have a lot of good players, hopefully a lot. Once they realize what we are, they can beat us."

SOCCER



-Photo courtesy of the team

FACT NOT OPINION

UI		Opp.
1	Illinois-Springfield	3
3	Northwestern	2
6	Indiana State	1
0	Ball State	1
1	Purdue	2
15	Easter Illinois	0
5	Illinois Central	2
2	Michigan	0
4	Indiana	0
3	Iowa	2
2	Bowling Green	2
3	Ohio State	1
2	College of DuPage	1
5	Northwestern	0
3	Ball State	2
2	Bowling Green	1
3	Iowa	2
2	California	2
		0

LACROSSE



-Eric Waxman

GOING THE DISTANCE

LEAVING PRESEASON EXPECTATIONS IN THE DUST,
CLUB FOUGHT ALL THE WAY TO THE FINAL FOUR.

Story by Sarah Ryan • Layout by Adam Slahor

FACT NOT OPINION

UI		Opp.
10	Lakeshore	11
8	Illinois Wesleyan	9
13	Bowling Green	9
12	Chicago Club	9
5	Florida	1
16	West Virginia	1
9	Texas A&M	6
10	East Carolina	4
10	East Carolina	3
8	South Carolina	3
8	UNC-Charlotte	7
1	Embry Ridel	0
15	Vanderbilt	6
15	Michigan	14
19	Michigan State	4
15	Purdue	12
6	Navy	9
13	Brockport State	2
7	Virginia Tech	13
2	Navy	13
14	Wheaton	10
5	Lincoln Park	17
16	Northern Illinois	2
8	Purdue	3
10	Wisconsin	17
17	West Virginia	4
8	Richmond	9

The Illinois men's lacrosse team went from one successful season to the next. The club posted an 18-3 record last fall that stood as a stepping stone for the success of their spring season. This was capped by a finish in the Final Four at the National Collegiate Lacrosse League.

"I was very pleased with our performance last spring," Illinois coach Brian Mosher said. "We made it to the Final Four at nationals, which was more than we expected."

Although the team opened their season with two one-point losses to Lakeshore and Illinois Wesleyan, those losses held no precedence for the remainder of the season. From that point on, the club romped past 14 straight opponents.

Included in that streak was a monumental win over the club's chief rival, mighty Michigan. Illinois defeated the Wolverines in a 15-14 thriller, marking the first time in 24 years that Illinois had managed to pin a loss on U-M. Then they ran into big rival Navy and suffered a narrow 9-6 defeat.

"Beating Michigan was huge for us," junior attacker Rick Himself said. "It was a real turning point for the team this year. Besides Michigan, Navy is a big challenge for us."

The club's excellent 19-8 finish gave them high hopes for the coming fall season. The players placed their hopes on a traditionally

strong defense and the injection of some new talent to propel them to victory. Defensive standouts included junior Andy Perella, who doubled as the club's president, senior Jeremy Sullivan and second-year player James Orr.

Perella, a native New Yorker, brought talent as well as his knowledge of the game to the playing field. He has received recognition for his efforts, earning the Avery Brundage Scholarship that honors outstanding non-varsity athletes in academics.

"Andy is a really solid defenseman," Himself said. "He's got a lot of experience and doesn't get beat too often."

Holding up the offensive line were attackmen Dave Neff, a graduate student, sophomore Scott Lirette and Rick Himself, the squad's top scorer. Junior midfielders Paul Parasugo and Mark Garton were also standout goal-scorers for Illinois.

"Rick Himself just switched from midfielder to attacker," Mosher said. "He has been consistent for us since he was a freshman, so I expect him to perform well for us on attack."

Illinois kicked off its fall season with a tough 5-3 loss to Illinois State, but bounced back to win four straight. That mini-run was snapped by another difficult setback, this time to Loyola in overtime. Once again, Illinois picked itself up with a first-place finish at Northern

Illinois' tournament.

The club finished its season with a 13-9 victory over Northwestern to wrap up the fall campaign at 12-5. Although this record was comparable to past seasons, the men's lacrosse team fell short of its higher standards.

"As a whole, we were disappointed with the fall season because we didn't do as well as we have in past years," Himself said. "We were kind of worried for this season."

One source of that uneasiness was the fact that Illinois was hit hard by losses through graduation. After losing their starting goaltender for the past four years and a primary attacker, Illinois' players were forced to adjust their lineup and game strategy to compensate. But these obstacles were more of a challenge than anything else and a source of motivation as Illinois prepared for the spring.

"We are building on last season," Mosher said. "We are working harder and putting in more practice and conditioning."

Although the Illinois roster did not have much depth, an impressive group of freshmen made Mosher optimistic. Among the newcomers who contributed right away were midfielder Matt Isherwood and goalie Jeff LaVoie.

This new talent had Illinois aiming as high as ever with claiming a Big Ten title and defeating Michigan once again on Illinois' agenda



-Eric Waxman

An Illinois player cradles the ball during one of the team's season games. Lacrosse had spread in popularity from East Coast colleges to the Midwest in recent years.



-Eric Waxman

An Illinois defender puts pressure on an approaching opponent as the team's goalie observes from a distance. The Illinois defense was focused on the trio of Andy Perella, Jeremy Sullivan and James Orr.



-Lance Johnson

Members of the Illinois Men's Rugby team show their opponents exactly what they mean by a team effort. Rugby is much like football but without the padding.

Through rain or shine, the Men's Rugby team endure the elements and work for an Illinois victory.



-Lance Johnson

TRADITION OF VICTORY

MEN'S RUGBY GAINED WIDE APPEAL IN AMERICA AND ON THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS' CAMPUS.

Story by Sheowting Lu • Layout by Wen-Hsui Louie

Although rugby remains fairly new to American culture, it has drawn wide appeal among students at U of I over the past few years.

Rugby, as the team members are quick to point out, is not like football. Club president Don Hickey pointed out that rugby was played as a team. Furthermore, he said that one or two stars cannot carry a team, unlike football where a key player or two can have a great impact on the game. He said that it was not important which player scored the points, but that the team scored the points as a whole.

In the early days, rugby was considered an upper-class sport for university-bound young men. Over the years, it has drawn a following in Europe and select Southern hemisphere nations. Although it was developed as a true British "gentleman's" pursuit, American rugby has evolved into a unique version of its own.

In response to the lack of rugby activity, a group of students, many from Great Britain, founded the University of Illinois' Men's Rugby Club. The Illinois Men's Rugby Football club was founded in the fall of 1963 by a group of foreign graduate students and staff members who were homesick for the spirit and camaraderie of the sport. The team had a record of 13-0 and won the Midwest Championship in the '63-'64 season and went

undefeated during the following year.

According to Hickey, the club grew in size by recruiting American graduate students and ex-football players through the late 60's and early 70's, consistently maintaining two sides. The Illinois Union was established in 1977, with the Illini team being the oldest of the members. Since that time, the team has been traditionally recognized as one of the strongest teams in the union. In addition, Murphy's Pub was established as the team's rugby bar in 1970. The Club started its 66th season in 1997.

"The focus was definitely on having fun above all else," Hickey said.

Last year the Club earned a 7-5-1 record and received one of 16 invitations to the Midwest Collegiate Cup. According to coach Ben Montez, "invitation to the Cup tournament was quite an honor."

"We've always been a very competitive team. We were the best team in Illinois last fall," Hickey said.

Hickey attributed the success of the team over the years to the wide range of skills that different members of the team exhibited. Also, he said that commitment and continued work were the standbys of the rugby team.

"We had a good range of experiences and team members from all over," Hickey said.

Mike Tompkins, former president of the Club, said there were different aspects that many people did not understand about the game.

Hickey said there were always questions about particular plays and moves once the men got out on the field for practice.

"Their first question was always about the scrum-down," he said. That was sort of the forward's play. It was like a big huddle. They called it a binding end. It looked kind of funny."

Tompkins agreed and emphasized that no experience was necessary to be in the Club.

"What was important was experience was not necessary to play with the Club. Every season, we recruited new members and taught them the fundamentals of the game."

In the past, foreign students with rugby experience contributed significantly to the team as players and advisors. According to Hickey, Club president, this year's team included about 15-20 rookies. The remainder of the team included about 45-50 graduate students.

"The graduate team was an experienced bunch of guys that have played from 5-15 years of rugby," Hickey said. "The graduate students are a constant source for undergraduate players. In the spring season, we had a combined team of graduate and undergrads."

RUGBY



-Lance Johnson

FACT NOT OPINION

UI	Opp.
52 Peoria Men's Club	0
Lake County Men's Club	
38	16
0 Griffins (Chicago)	46
27 Springfield	0
Cape Girardeau (MO)	
28 Team A	5
44 Team B	0
26 Southern Indiana	22



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Players get down and dirty in their efforts toward a victory. Often times, a loose ball resulted in a ruck.

Two Illinois players are chased by a member of the opposing team. Since the ball is not turned over if a team does not go a certain distance during play (as in football,) scenes like this do not automatically spell disaster.



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KNOWING NO LIMITS

WOMEN'S TRACK TEAM CONTINUES TO ADD TO ITS NATIONAL REPUTATION AS AN ELITE PROGRAM.

Story by Dan Ryan • Layout by Elena Ontiveros

At the pace the Illinois women's track program is setting under veteran coach Gary Winckler, a national title could become reality in the not-too-distant future. After all, an NCAA Championship remains the one goal that has eluded the Illini program since Winckler's arrival 11 years ago.

Illinois came close to reaching that highest of standards once again last spring, taking sixth in the national indoor meet and fourth at the outdoor version for the second straight year. Led by a star-laden senior class featuring All-Americans Tonya Williams, Dawn Riley, Terra Tyus and Laura Mindock and a standout sophomore class of All-Americans Aspen Burkett, Benita Kelley, Collinus Newsome and Nora Weber, the Illini had arguably their best season in the program's history.

The Illini breezed through their indoor schedule with the Big Ten indoor meet in their sights, and successfully defended their title by outscoring most Wisconsin by 18 points in a two-team race. The indoor championship was the fourth in five years for the Orange and Blue.

Individual champions for Illinois included Tyus in the long jump, Riley in the triple jump and 55-meter hurdles, Newsome in the shot put, Kelley in the 55-meter dash and the 4X400 relay.

After several Illini competed in the U.S. Track and Field

Indoor Championships in Atlanta, a symbol of Illinois' international reputation as a hotbed of talent, Winckler's team put the finishing touches on its most successful season with an all-time high sixth-place showing at the NCAA Indoor Championships. And Illinois finished one point out of sole possession of fourth place.

"We've definitely gotten over the Midwest barrier," Weber said of the stereotype that Midwestern programs can't compete with coastal teams. "Weather doesn't determine performance, and it's only a drawback if you let it be. Gary makes sure we don't view it as an excuse."

Having taken yet another step forward with an excellent indoor season, what happened at the Big Ten outdoor meet was made even more surprising. Especially after Illinois was crowned the unofficial champions of the ultra-competitive Penn Relays, the first time the Illini had ever accomplished the feat. Although Illinois headed to Penn State's campus the prohibitive favorite to defend its outdoor title, dehydration and injuries contributed to Wisconsin's 149-148 upset of the defending champions. With the one point win, the Badgers exacted revenge on the Illini for the indoor defeat on their home track in Madison.

"We had so many injuries in a lot of pivotal events," Burkett said. "That bothered us, but we still had a job to do."

Conference champions from Illinois were Kerry Ann Richards in the 100-meter dash, Burkett in the 200, Tonya Williams in the 100- and 400-meter hurdles, Newsome in the shot put, Mindock in the discus and both the 4X100 and 4X400 relay teams.

True to form, Winckler prepared Illinois to learn from its mistakes and rebound in a big way at the national championships, and the team did not let him down. The Illini duplicated their fourth-place finish of 1994, this time on the campus of Oregon, thanks to even more clutch individual performances. Williams won her second national title in the 400-meter hurdles and came close to a third in the 100-meter hurdles. Despite having to say goodbye to another excellent senior class, Winckler has Illinois poised for another elite season thanks to another banner recruiting class. Plus, several of his athletes received the added experience of competing in the Olympic Trials in Atlanta this summer, which should provide a little extra impetus in their collegiate competition this spring.

"That's a big blow, but we're not going to set our sights any lower," Winckler said. "People are going to look at our losses and the number of athletes we lost and think, 'Illinois is going to be that much better this year.' That's fine with us, though, we'll surprise them."

RUGBY



-Joel Rennich

FACT NOT OPINION

UI	Opp.
80	Purdue 75
	Southern Illinois 54
	Toledo 13
1st	Rocky Mountain Cup
1st	Big Ten Indoor Championships
6th	NCAA Indoor Championships
2nd	Big Ten Outdoor Championships
4th	NCAA Outdoor Championships

WRESTLING



-Ryan Donovan

FACT NOT OPINION

UI	Opp.	
2nd	Las Vegas Invite	
20	Indiana	15
6th	Midlands Classic	
34	Virginia	3
40	Tenn-Chattanooga	0
49	Georgia State	4
32	Nebraska	11
22	Purdue	10
34	Northwestern	5
38	Eastern Illinois	0
34	Ohio State	6
28	Michigan State	9
10	Iowa	25
40	Northern Illinois	7
39	SIU-Edwardsville	6
24	Michigan	10
41	Eastern Michigan	0
3rd	Big Ten Championship	
9th	NCAA Championship	

REACHING THE PEAK

JOHNSON'S PLAN CAME TO FRUITION AS TEAM
REACHED ELITE STATUS IN MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR YET.

Story by Tony Serio • Layout by Adam Slahor

The University of Illinois' wrestling team reached new heights by cracking the Top 5 in the national rankings and tying for first in the country with six individually-ranked wrestlers. Illinois' wrestling program recorded a 48-96-1 mark from 1983 to 1993, when the U of I snagged Hawkeye assistant Mark Johnson. Johnson was named the 13th wrestling coach in U of I history, and immediately the turnaround began. Recruiting improved dramatically, and so did Illinois' performance.

This season was the culmination of all the hard work put in by Johnson and his assistants, former national champions Jim Heffernan and Steve Marianetti. The Illini returned nine starters, including All-Americans Ernest Benion and Lindsey Durlacher, leading to a preseason ranking of sixth.

"Our goal was to be good enough to challenge the best people in the country," Johnson said before the season. "We're there now."

Illinois' season began at the Las Vegas Invitation Tournament. The Illini finished second out of 45 teams, placing seven wrestlers, including 1995 NCAA champion Ernest Benion. Benion won the 150-pound class.

Illinois welcomed Indiana to Huff Gym for their first dual meet of the year. The Hoosiers wrestled well, but Illinois hung on for a 20-15 win, earning the Illini their first victory.

The Illini spent three days of semester break at Northwestern. They finished sixth out of 56 teams at the Midlands Classic Tournament. Benion won his first four matches, but fell to Iowa's Joe Williams—who defeated him in the 1996 NCAA title match—to finish second.

The tournament also provided a forum for Illinois' other standout wrestlers to prove themselves. Durlacher won five of six matches at 118 pounds to finish third and improve his overall mark to 11-3. 150-pounder Eric Siebert and 177-pounder Jevon Herman both finished in fourth.

The Illini began a streak of nine consecutive dual meet wins when they travelled to the Peach State Duals. Illinois outscored competition 155-18 and improved to 5-0. Benion won his 100th career match.

After a 22-10 win at Purdue, Illinois returned to Huff for four matches. The Illini pasted Northwestern 34-5. Among Illinois' winners were Siebert and 167-pounder Bill Zeman. The Illini then trounced Eastern Illinois 37-0.

The Illini next beat Ohio State, and improved to 9-0 overall (4-0 in the Big Ten). Durlacher claimed his 24th match of the season with a 6-2 win. Carl Perry, a true freshman from Virginia, recorded a major decision with a 20-8 win, one of three for Illinois.

Illinois' run bumped them up to fifth in the nation, setting the stage for a war with No. 6 Michigan State. The meet was the last home contest of the sea-

son, and a crowd of almost 1,300 turned out to bid farewell to nine Illini seniors. The fans were rewarded with a rout that few predicted.

Perry used just 2:55 to pin his Spartan opponent and move to 12-1 on the year and gave Illinois a 6-3 advantage. Benion received a standing ovation after he picked up a win to put the Illini up 22-3. Jevon Herman upset third-ranked Erich Harvey 6-4 in overtime.

"This was the best crowd I've ever seen," Herman said. "I think we performed well, and I hope they come back."

Senior heavyweight Seth Brady added that it was tough to leave behind a gym that he believed would draw big crowds for years to come. "It's kind of bittersweet," Brady said. "It's nice to be there when it all starts building up."

The win over MSU set up a showdown between No. 5 Illinois and No. 2 Iowa in Iowa City. The Illini lost a 25-10 decision. Siebert won his 10th straight match, and Benion lost to Williams 5-4 in the second battle between the 158-pounders.

"He's a great athlete and competitor," Benion said of Williams before thinking ahead to a possible rematch at the NCAA Championships. "That's the only one that really matters."

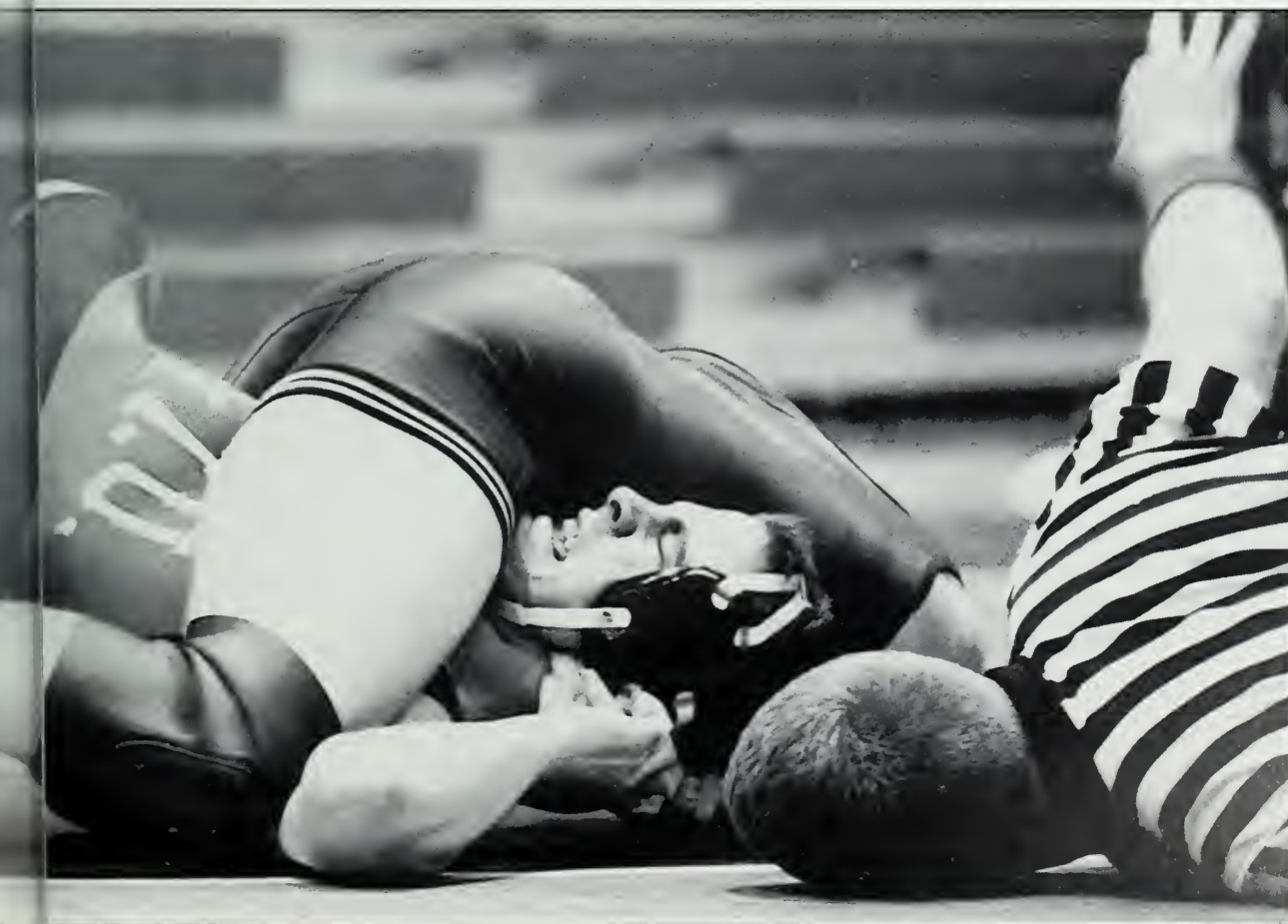
Illinois rebounded with a 40-7 rout of Northern Illinois which put the Illini back on track to close out the season strong en route to the Big Ten and NCAA Tournaments.



-Ryan Donovan

An Illini wrestler pins his opponent to the mat. The Illini finished off one of their most successful seasons ever.

This umpire gets on top of the action during a match with Eastern Illinois. The Illini won 38-0.



-Ryan Donovan



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An Illini gymnast performs on the pommel horse as the team makes its way closer to the nationals. Under Hayasaki, Illinois had its best performance since 1989, when Hayasaki led the squad to win the national title.

One Illini gymnast goes through his routine on the rings. Illinois worked hard to overcome a three year hiatus and to qualify for the NCAA Championships.



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BACK TO FUTURE

HAYASAKI RETURNED TO HEAD MEN'S PROGRAM AND BROUGHT GYMNASTICS BACK TO NATIONAL EXCELLENCE.

Story by Dan Ryan • Layout by Wen-Hsiu Louie

Yoshi Hayasaki knew what it felt like to be at the pinnacle of collegiate gymnastics. If he had his way, his Illinois squad would experience that feeling within the next couple years.

One of the most respected teachers in his profession, Hayasaki led the 1989 Illini to the national title, and the crown remains the University's only championship in the last 40 years. After three years of overseeing both the men's and women's gymnastics programs, Hayasaki came back to concentrate on bringing the men back onto the national scene.

"I will not let this program become mediocre," said Hayasaki. "We should always be in the upper echelon of the Big Ten as well as one of the national powerhouses. I intend to bring this team back to that level."

"They seemed to respond and were more dedicated this season. They knew my expectations for them were high. Certainly they had to accomplish something higher than what they had in the last three years because I had not been satisfied with the progress."

First and foremost on the Illini's list of goals was to qualify for the NCAA Championships once again after a three-year hiatus. To do that, Illinois was preparing its line-up to finish in the top-three showing at the regional meet.

"That's what our goal was since the first day," captain Jon Corbitt said. "More than anything, we needed the fourth, fifth and sixth guys in the lineup to bring their scores up."

"This team will go far because it takes care of business in the gym," Hayasaki said. "They come in here, get the job done and have dedicated themselves to the sport. I saw more desire in every one of them to get back to what we have done in the past."

Illinois made sure the Hayasaki era returned with a bang this winter, placing second at the prestigious Windy City Invite, a season-opening measuring stick featuring the best of the Big Ten and the Midwest. The last time the Orange and Blue fared so well in Chicago was—you guessed it—1989. Hayasaki hoped it was an omen for good things to come.

"This team has some similarities to what we had in 1989," the 21-year veteran leader said, adding that Illinois may be one year away from winning it all. "We wanted to set this year up for next year. This young team needed to experience the national championships to know exactly what it needs to do."

After dropping a tough decision at upstart Michigan State, Illinois picked up its winning ways with triumphs over Michigan and Illinois-Chicago to move to 9-2 overall.

"We had some good competitions and showed some

solid gymnastics," said McGlaun. "But in my mind, the good news was that we still had plenty of room for improvement so we could compete with the best."

"There was an overall attitude change in the gym. The guys were excited about gymnastics, they enjoyed what they were doing and put their heart into it more than in previous years."

Defending NCAA champs Ohio State, Iowa, Penn State and Michigan State were the main obstacles standing between the Illini and their first Big Ten crown since 1989 as well. The good news was that Illinois was home to perhaps the best high bar crew in the nation, which will help in the bigger meets as the season winds down.

"We were among that elite group this year," Hayasaki said. "Obviously we wanted to win the Big Ten, and we were very capable of beating all the teams with the possible exception of Ohio State, which had the edge this year."

If the Illini fostered any hope of catching the Buckeyes by the Big Ten meet, they had to shore up their routines on the pommel horse and rings, a traditional difficulty.

Illinois relied heavily on outstanding all-around performers such as Yuval Ayala, McGlaun and freshman Romagnoli as well as senior Corbitt (high bar), Hettinger (parallel bars) and Brandon Tucker (floor).

GYMNASTICS



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FACT NOT OPINION

UI		Opp.
223.45	Ohio State	226.65
	Iowa	221.25
	Penn State	220.95
	Michigan St.	220.05
	UIC	216.60
	Minnesota	211.90
	Michigan	209.00
	Syracuse	202.40
224.50	Michigan St.	227.75
220.50	Michigan	216.00
225.95	UIC	221.35
224.15	Penn State	229.55
227.75	Iowa	230.55
2nd	UCLA	
3rd	Santa Barbara	

GYMNASTICS



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THE NEXT STEP

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS CONTINUED ITS ASCENT UP THE BIG TEN LADDER THANKS TO YOUNG TALENT.

Story by Dan Ryan • Layout by Elena Ontiveros

FACT NOT OPINION

UI	Opp.
187 Northern Illinois	186
Central Michigan	181
Wisc.-Oshkosh	170
189 Michigan State	195
92 Illinois-Chicago	189
2nd Cap'n Crunch Inv.	
190 Kentucky	193
Georgia	197
193 Iowa	193
189 Minnesota	194
Ohio State	192

After enjoying the winningest season in program history, the Illinois women's gymnastics squad had little margin for error in its encore performance. And they would have it no other way.

Following the heels of last season's 13-5 campaign, Illini coach Lynn Brueckman and Co. failed to transfer that momentum over to the Big Ten Championships. Instead, despite improving its score by two points, Illinois came in a disappointing fifth for the second season in a row, coming within a whisker of passing Minnesota for fourth before advancing to the National Invitation Tournament to cap the season.

"We finished the year strong, except not as high as we'd hoped at the Big Ten Championships," Brueckman, in her fourth year at Champaign, said. "The Big Ten was a great conference to be affiliated with, but it was also extremely competitive because there were some national powerhouses.

"It was a process, and each year we gained some talented freshmen who did an outstanding job of turning the program around. We started to get the leadership back from our recruits now. Our strength lied in our upperclassmen who had the experience in competition and knew what it took to take Illinois to the top."

Not that her current crop of underclassmen was anything

to shake a stick at, though. The duo of Becky Ashton and Kim Berres took Illinois gymnastics by storm last year. Ashton won team MVP honors and wasted no time in beginning her assault on the Illinois record books. Not to be outdone, Berres merely was honored as the program's Most Outstanding Gymnast, Newcomer of the Year, set the Illini all-around record with a sterling 39.325 and won the NIT beam title.

"Kim was simply Kim," Brueckman said. "She was one that we could count on every time out to do a great job for us. She thrived on competition."

The super sophs joined seniors Kari Karubas and Nicole "Puni" Viernes, junior Kelli Farrar and freshman Carmella Fernandez in forming a nucleus that is aimed at placing in the top three at the Big Ten meet hosted by Minnesota in March. To accomplish that, the Illini had to deal with talented outfits from five-time defending champion Michigan and Michigan State.

"The team really wanted to get on the awards stand," Brueckman said. "Every team walks in there with intentions of winning and there's no reason to go if you're not shooting for number one. We'll certainly shoot that high, but if we fall short a bit, we'll take third."

Considering the graduation of key performers Tracey Althans and Natalie Forsthoefel, the loss of outstanding junior Stacy Redmond to

injury and the fact that Ashton was hampered by a stress fracture in her foot, one would figure the Illini were poised to slip in the conference standings. According to Brueckman, however, this team was high on intangibles.

"If you considered our mental attitude, though, we were a much better team," Brueckman said.

Determined not to let what they could not control get in their way, the Illini gymnasts set out to make this a season to remember thanks to a strenuous offseason.

"The preseason went really well this year," Karubas said. "Our expectations were set higher, well ahead of last year's. We're shooting for the moon."

Buoyed by extraordinary strength and depth in the balance beam and uneven bars, the Illini relied on the two events to carry them to a quadrangular victory at Northern Illinois to open the season 3-0. Undeterred by a loss to the powerful Michigan State Spartans, the Illini took advantage of their home opener at Huff Gym with a convincing win over sister school rival Illinois-Chicago. The three-point victory avenged a loss to the Flames one year ago.

"We're definitely ahead of pace," Ashton said after the win. "Going into the season, we had to deal with injuries, so we weren't quite sure what was going to happen."



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An Illinois gymnast executes a back walkover on the balance beam as her teammates nervously look on. Mastering the beam required intense concentration and balance since the apparatus was only four-inches wide.



-Jon Kim



-Daily Illini file photo

Moving to the music, an Illinois gymnast prepares for a flip as part of her tumbling run. When performing the floor exercise, gymnasts were required to execute three tumbling runs and a number of required dance steps.

One Illinois team member performs a required move in the middle of her balance beam routine.

SWIMMING



-Pete Mackay

FACT NOT OPINION

UI		Opp.
104	Tennessee	139
192	Cincinnati	107
96	Michigan	204
109	Southern Illinois	72
89	Missouri	59
100	Illinois State	66
61	Alabama	52
57	Northwestern	56
3rd	Miami Invite	
84	UCLA	119
154	California-Irvine	121
180	Fresno State	118
161	Iowa	131
199.5	Indiana	98.5
193	Notre Dame	107
1st	Illini Classic	
130	Minnesota	219
206	Purdue	146
207	Wisconsin	137
6th	Big Ten's NCAA's	

BEYOND ALL DREAMS

SWIMMERS EXPLODED ONTO THE NATIONAL SCENE IN
A BREAKTHROUGH CAMPAIGN.

Story by Dan Ryan • Layout by Elena Ontiveros

Entering this season, Illinois swimming coach Jim Lutz knew his team would likely be better than last year's 8-7 edition. But he could not have expected what happened this winter.

"Honestly, before the season, because of what had happened in the past, I hoped we'd go over .500," Lutz said. "Our team as a whole was disappointed with our finish last year, so this was a surprise. You put down what you think could happen in your dream season, and they fell under that category right now."

What happened was a dream season of sorts for the Illini program. A young core of standout swimmers kept with Lutz's system until their persistence paid big-time dividends this season. Despite facing what was easily one of the five most difficult schedules in the country, Illinois toppled ranked team after ranked team until the team found itself in the polls for the first time in school history.

"Because of that, there were very few teams out there that are going to intimidate us—if any," Lutz said. "Even though we had no seniors, the girls were very seasoned and more mature about it. They made a conscious team effort to be better and it showed."

As for tradition, Lutz lined up national power after national power. All in all, the Illini swam against just under half of the Top 25 schools, including

a banner day on November 10th when they upset both No. 12 Alabama and No. 14 Northwestern. Later that week, Illinois was rewarded when it debuted in the polls at 23rd, a first in program history.

"I knew we had a great group of freshmen coming in, so I knew we would improve," standout NCAA qualifier Erin Didde said. "That meet was a surprise to everyone, including us. After that, we realized we were up there with those teams."

The Illini slowly climbed up the rankings as the season progressed and wasted no time in surpassing their single-season record for wins with their ninth triumph on January 18th against Indiana. Illinois tuned up for the Big Ten Championships with an impressive performance in a quad meet with No. 9 Minnesota, No. 22 Wisconsin and Purdue. The Orange and Blue posted two impressive victories, but fell to the host Gophers.

"It was such a difference from last year," Nicola Homenock, arguably the Illini's top individual as a sophomore, said. "We had not concentrated on where we were going to be ranked, though. We've took a lot of pressure off of ourselves that way."

Heading the list of individuals who keyed the Illini's resurgence this season was Homenock herself. After a solid but unassuming debut last year, Homenock dominated her

opposition this year. At one point, the Big Ten Swimmer of the Month for December strung together 15 straight wins in January, a stretch that saw Illinois go 6-1 to improve to 11-3 overall.

"She was just rusty racing last year," Lutz said of Homenock's emergence that has mirrored the team's. "There was some hesitation on her part because she didn't know how her body would respond. She came back a whole different person this year."

In addition to the two super sophs, Jennifer Sands, Jodi Smith and a trio of promising freshmen in Emily Wang, Kelly Handel and Traci Bollinger also had real aspirations of advancing to the NCAA Championships.

"The better your team gets, the more leverage you have recruiting," Lutz said. "So the caliber of talent increased and we built off that to get our team in place. This year we adjusted some things and really trained smart and at a high level."

To further put things in perspective, the Illini had not finished higher than eighth at the conference meet in over a decade. If Illinois cracked the top five, it would mark another first in a season of record-shattering performances.

"I'd be really surprised we didn't move up at Big Ten's," Lutz said. "The pressure is on everyone else to keep us from passing them."



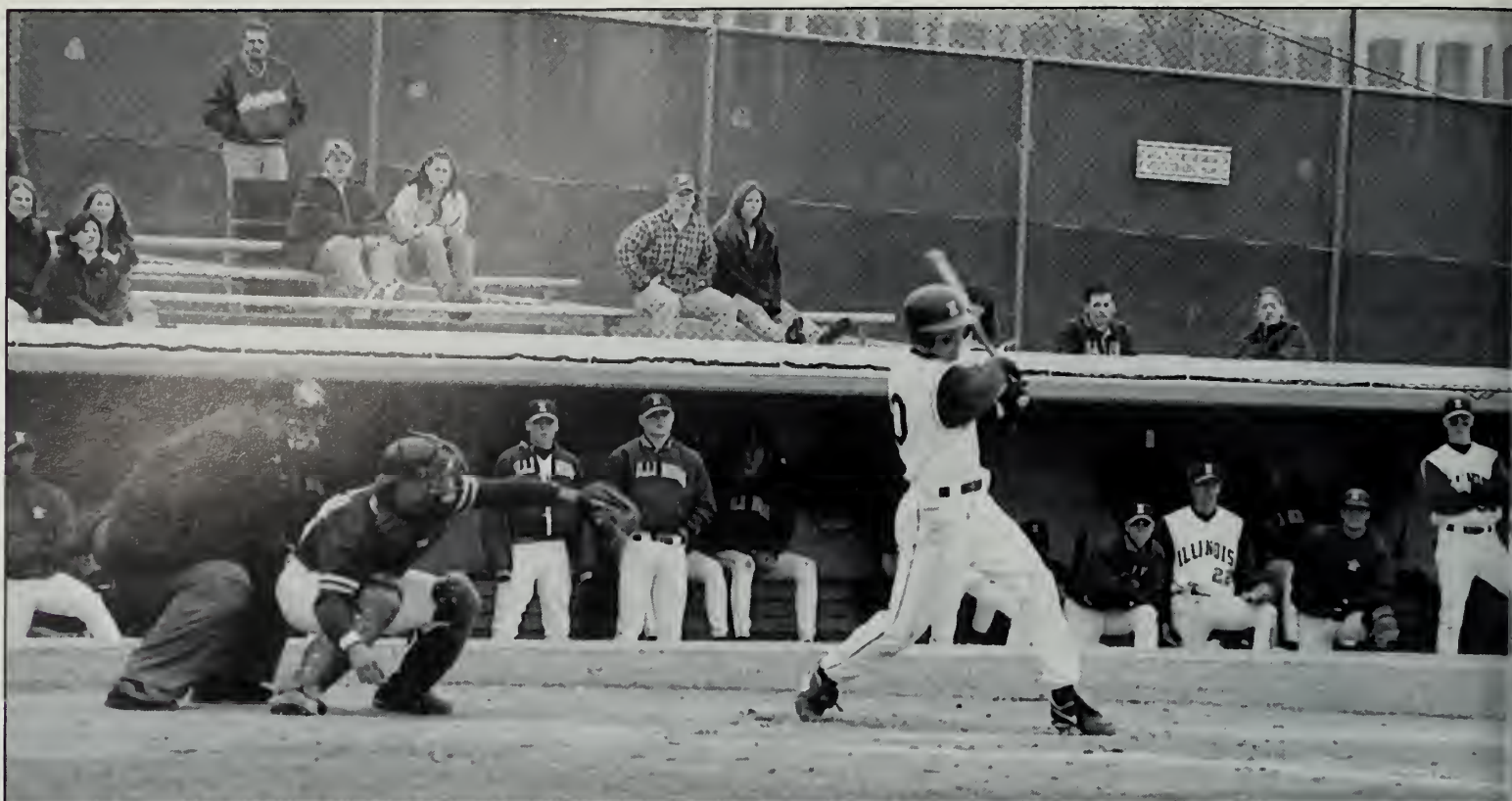
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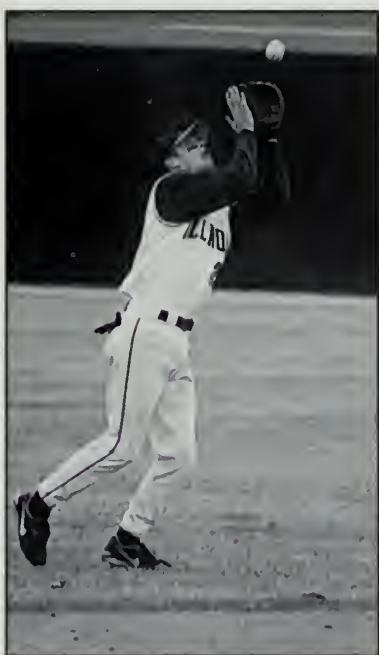
An Illinois swimmer swims butterfly style during a meet. This stroke was the most difficult to master and required the most endurance.

Taking a breath between strokes, this Illinois swimmer glides down the lane during the breaststroke portion of a meet. It was important for swimmers to remember to touch the wall with both hands to avoid disqualification.



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Members of U of I's Men's Baseball team look on from the dugout as a fellow team member swings at an opponent's pitch. Despite the cold weather, loyal fans brave the elements to show their support for Illinois.



-Matthew Grotto

An Illinois outfielder positions himself under the ball to catch the last out of the inning.



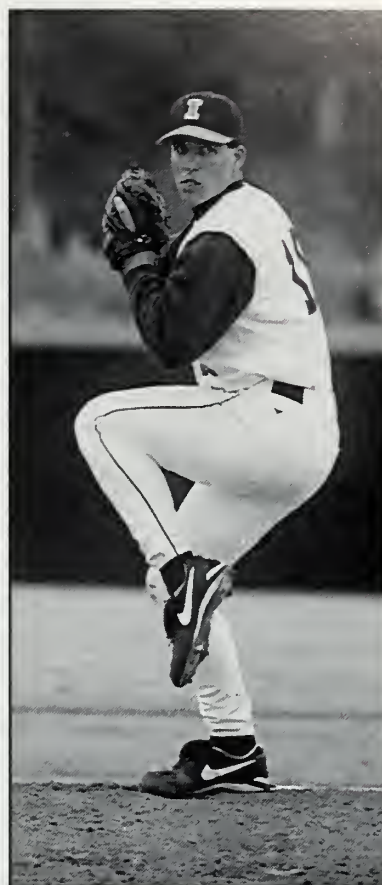
-Matthe Grotto

Illinois pitchers had a great year on the diamond. This pitcher has a strikeout in mind when he pitches versus the Indiana Hoosiers.

LOTS OF FIREWORKS

WITH RECORD-BREAKING OFFENSE, THE ILLINI RETURN TO PLAYOFFS AND ON THE BRINK OF NCAA TOURNEY

Story by Dan Ryan • Layout by Elena Ontiveros



-Matthew Grotto

The Illinois baseball program took full advantage of their middle infielders' presence last spring in posting a 37-22 record.

The Illini went 17-10 in the Big Ten, good for third place in the regular season standings and a spot in the conference playoffs for the first time in coach Itch Jones' six-year stint at the helm of the Illinois program. They can thank a record-breaking offensive attack for a large chunk of their success last year. The numbers were mind-boggling. Illinois' lineup averaged nearly nine runs a contest, batted .330 as a team and hit 74 home runs in rewriting the program's record books.

Leading the way was Big Ten Player of the Year and All-American shortstop Josh Klimek, the one-man wrecking crew who hit an even .400 with 26 homers and 94 RBIs before being drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers in June. He also led the Big Ten in doubles (22) and slugging percentage (.874). Making his numbers even more unbelievable was the fact that just two years before Klimek's career was in jeopardy after breaking his leg in an accident.

Second baseman Brian McClure kept up his end of the bargain by rebounding from an average '95 season by his standards. McClure hit .419 with 16 long balls and 65 RBIs, gaudy statistics that would have grabbed even more national headlines had he not played alongside Klimek. Before signing with the San Diego Padres, he was the Big Ten leader

in runs (80), on-base percentage (.496) and finished second in average, hits (89), triples (4), homers, RBI and slugging (.746).

"As far as numbers go, this was unbelievable," McClure said. "We had nine guys who could get hits at any time, so there were no dead outs."

Together, the two broke six all-time Illinois marks. After their last Big Ten homestand against Ohio State at Illinois Field, Jones understandably could not say enough about the heart of the program over the last four years.

"When the whole season's over, you're going to look back and say, 'Yes, we're going to miss certain ballplayers,'" Jones said. "We can't win without Josh. We can't win without Brian. They're the mainstays on the club."

"When I look back someday, this is going to be one of the most enjoyable ballclubs I've ever coached. You can pitch around two guys, but you can't pitch around nine. That was the difference with this ballclub—everyone made a contribution."

Indeed, eight of nine hitters in Illinois' everyday lineup hit over .300. Other offensive standouts were twin brothers in the outfield, Danny and Dusty Rhodes, both of whom were selected to the All-Big Ten team. McClure's younger brother Todd also had a productive rookie campaign.

Although the pitching staff finished last in the Big Ten with a 6.00 ERA, strides were made, namely by ace Brett Weber. Only a sophomore, Weber came out of nowhere to go 9-6

with a 3.82 ERA and eight complete games in becoming the only Illinois hurler to earn All-Big Ten honors. Brian Hecht used a late-season resurgence to finish 7-3 while senior southpaw Jason Wollard posted an impressive 7-1 mark in his final season.

"My confidence definitely improved," Weber said of his breakthrough showing. "I felt really good and threw my pitches where I wanted to. That's what we worked on all winter—throwing all our pitches on the corners."

After trading places atop the Big Ten with Michigan and Penn State, the Illini settled for third place, two games behind the Nittany Lions. After dropping the first game of the Big Ten playoffs to Indiana, Illinois showed its character by fighting back to eliminate Michigan and Penn State. The Illini then beat the Hoosiers to set up a winner-take-all finale with IU, but lost a heartbreaking final to miss out on a chance at the NCAA Tournament.

That setback could not overshadow the many steps forward the Illini program took last spring.

Among the more impressive feats the 1996 Illini accomplished was a 15-4 record in the confines of Illinois Field and erasing deficits to post comeback wins a remarkable twenty times.

"I was really impressed with the approach our players took into this season," Jones said. "We had great leadership. This was one of the most exciting seasons I've ever experienced."

FACT NOT OPINION

UI		Opp.
8	Houston	4
4	Houston	7
10	Miami	14
0	Miami	10
4	Miami	6
6	Houston	8
6	Indiana State	2
12	New Mexico State	10
9	New Mexico State	11
18	Pace	2
26	Pace	11
31	Portland	10
23	Portland	8
3	Providence	16
4	Providence	2
4	Michigan State	0
8	Southern Illinois	10
4	Western Illinois	3
1	Penn State	2
27	Illinois-Chicago	9
16	Bradley	17
3	Purdue	1
4	Eastern Illinois	5
7	Indiana State	4
3	Ohio State	1
6	Illinois State	5
8	Indiana State	6
2	Indiana	2
13	Notre Dame	3
19	Chicago State	6
1	Minnesota	3
8	Southern Illinois	7
13	Illinois State	2
3	Northwestern	1
3	Indiana	6
7	Michigan	4
11	Penn State	3
8	Indiana	5
4	Indiana	6

A group of Illinois players gather at the mound to discuss strategy in a game against Springfield last season. After coach Connie Johnson left just two games into the season, Illinois pulled together to compensate for the loss.



-Photo courtesy of team

Illinois Softball members: Row 1: Janis Bolton, Kirsten Olson. Row 2: Kristen Austich, Susan Simon, Deanne Spike, Jana Tinder, Beth Johnson. Row 3: Jamie Bartolli, Sarah Hocking, Jen Zielke, Jen Libra, Connie Johnson. Row 4: Jonathon Clapp, Jamie O'Conner, Kathy Hurdig, Jamila Minnicks, Claudia Tejada.



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BIG TEN OR BUST

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL CLUB SOUGHT VARSITY RECOGNITION AND A SPOT IN THE CONFERENCE.

Story by Sarah Ryan • Layout by Wen-Hsiu Louie

Every year the women's softball club worked for a common goal: to be recognized and given a chance to compete at the varsity level. The club tried for a while now and hopes that by 1998 they would be included in the Big Ten Conference.

"It was totally out of our hands," sophomore outfielder Susan Simon said. "The university decided when to take the necessary measures to include us in the Big Ten, which probably will not be for another two years at least. Until then, we must work hard to get recognized."

If they attracted more fans in the future, the team felt that the increased support might encourage the administration to move a little faster. Drawing a crowd was tough though because advertising their games became expensive.

Because they paid for the practice fields and their funds came mainly from donations and fund raisers, practice time was limited. Also, in the winter months, the club had little access to the bubble in Memorial Stadium until January. During the off season, they worked out together at IMPE.

The club had both a fall and spring season. The fall season only lasted about a

month because few schools were able to fit non-conference games into their schedules. Their spring season began the week after spring break and ended early in May.

The spring season began with a 14-0 win over Springfield College. After that huge win, things were grim for the team when Coach Connie Johnson quit just two games into the season.

"The turning point in our season was when Connie left," left fielder and club vice president Kirsten Olson said. "It was a turn for the good, though. We had to rely on ourselves for everything. Everyone was really dedicated and worked really hard to make things work. I think it was a good experience for all of us."

Their next win came on April 8 in a doubleheader against Danville. After the win, their season picked up speed. After losing a doubleheader to Lincoln Trail, Illinois came back to win eight straight games, including a 23-0 blowout against Millikin's junior varsity.

"The Millikin game was a high point in our season," said freshman catcher Melissa Morgan. "Everyone hit really well that game."

Olson said there really were not any low points in the

season except that they lost many games by small margins. "As a player, losing by only a few runs is really difficult to take," she said.

The good news was that many influential players were underclassmen, including pitcher Kathy Hardig, center fielder Jamila Minnicks and catcher Claudia Tejada. Minnicks led off for Illinois with a .455 batting average. Close behind her was sophomore third baseman Erin Huber at .417 and outfielder Sarah Hocking with a .393 average.

Other prominent players were junior shortstop Deanne Spike and sophomore infielder Janis Bolton.

Because of the large number of returning freshmen, Illinois' future looked promising. The only loss to the starting lineup was Minnicks.

"Everyone is looking forward to this year," Morgan said. "We worked really hard, and hope for at least a .500 season. If we can have a winning season, then maybe the administration will take notice and recognize us as a varsity sport."

Olson added that their new slogan will be "Big Ten Bust." She believed that the experience and exposure would improve the team.

SOFTBALL



-Photo courtesy of team

FACT NOT OPINION

UI	Opp.	
14	Springfield	0
6	Kankakee CC	11
4	Kankakee CC	7
1	College of DuPage	0
7	College of DuPage	8
0	Parkland	3
8	Parkland	9
5	College of DuPage	7
1	College of DuPage	7
4	Danville	3
7	Danville	3
2	Lincoln Trail	6
7	Lincoln Trail	9
12	Danville	1
8	Danville	2
23	Millikin	0
16	Millikin	6
7	Millikin	6
10	Millikin	2
3	Millikin	6

Tyrone Williams presses toward the finish line in a 55-meter hurdle race at the Armory. Williams ran the second leg of the 4 X 4000 for Illinois and won a Big Ten title.



Preparing to take the baton from sprinter Matt Klima, Illinois football star Simeon Rice runs the anchor leg of the 4 x 400 meter relay at the Spring Sports Festival.



SOLID AS A ROCK

UNDER WIENEKE'S DIRECTION, THE MEN'S TRACK SQUAD MADE NOISE ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL ONCE AGAIN.

Story by Patrick Windhorst • Layout by Elena Ontiveros

The more things changed, the more they stayed the same for the Illinois men's track team. Although the athletes' faces have changed, two constants remained: coach Gary Wieneke and the Illini's status as a nationally competitive program.

In one of the most competitive meets of the indoor slate, the Illini travelled to Arkansas to battle the Razorbacks along with North Carolina, Texas and Nebraska. No team scores were kept, but Illinois claimed five first-place finishes.

At the Big Ten Indoor Championships at Ohio State, Illinois finished fourth with 61 points behind Wisconsin (121), the host Buckeyes (78) and Minnesota (68).

Dorian Green won conference titles in the 200 and 400 meters. He also anchored the victorious 4X400 relay team that included Pharaoh Gay, Tyrone Williams and Matthew Klima.

At the NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis, the Illini finished 18th with 12 points. Highlights included Daren McDonough taking second in the pole vault with a season-best effort of over 18 feet. Meanwhile, the distance medley unit of Robert True, Klima, Cortney Lamb and Barry Pearman placed fifth.

On St. Patrick's Day, Illinois opened its outdoor sea-

son by travelling to San Luis Obispo, California for the Nike Invitational. The Illini welcomed back three All-American distance runners for the outdoor portion of the season, and the results were positive. Once again, the distance medley team was in the winner's circle, joined by the 4X800 relay team.

"We wanted to get off to a quick, competitive start not having lost ground between the indoor and outdoor seasons," said Wieneke, who will enter his 23rd year at the helm this spring. "We have some things to prove in the outdoor season. We'd like to make a strong challenge for the Big Ten title, and I think we can do that."

After a runner-up finish at a competitive Clemson Invitational, the Illini returned to host their only home meet of the outdoor season as part of the Spring Sports Festival. In his last meet before the home fans, Marko Koers won the 800 and 1500-meter races. Also making his last appearance was Champaign native Ben Beyers, who won the 400.

"If I can do my part, and my teammates can do theirs, we're going to come together by the time the Big Ten Championships come around," Beyers said. "Hopefully, we'll be able to put a lot of points on the board."

In the best tune-up for the Big Ten season a team could hope for, Illinois travelled to

Philadelphia to participate in the prestigious Penn Relays. The Illini sent 11 competitors in seven events, the most sent by the program since 1947, the year of their last NCAA Outdoor title. Illinois placers included Kyle Taylor, who finished fourth in the discus, the distance medley unit and the 4X800 relay squad.

"Any time you can improve on your performance meet by meet," sprint coach Willie Williams said, "then you're headed in the right direction."

Next on the agenda was a trip to Penn State for the Big Ten Outdoor Championships in May. Illinois could not improve on its indoor standing. They finished fourth once again. Wisconsin successfully defended its Big Ten crown, while Minnesota and the host Nittany Lions also bested the Illini. Koers was conference champion in the 800 and 1500 meters.

The Illini did move up at the NCAA Outdoor Championships at Oregon with a 16th-place finish. Koers won the national title in the 1500 and finished a close second in the 800. Also for the Illini, Green blazed to a fifth-place showing in the 400.

Although the Illini bid goodbye to some All-American stalwarts, rest assured Wieneke and the rest of the Illini will be back again, ready as ever to add to the Illinois tradition.

TRACK



-JOHN HANSON

FACT NOT OPINION

UI		Opp.
72	Eastern Illinois	44
72	Southern Illinois	34
72	North Central	2
92	Indiana	115
92	Purdue	85
81	Wyoming	45
4th	Big Ten Indoor Championships	
18th	NCAA Indoor Championships	
2nd	Clemson Invitational	
4th	Pepsi Invitational	
4th	Big Ten Outdoor Championships	
16th	NCAA Outdoor Championships	



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Easy as one, two, three. Racing neck and neck, All-Americans Tonya Williams and Dawn Riley flank former Illini great and current Olympian Tonja Buford at the Spring Sports Festival.



-LANCE JENSON

At an indoor meet at the Armory, freshman phenomenon Stacy Ann Grant clears the high jump bar with room to spare. Grant teamed up with junior Nora Weber to give the Illini two high jumpers of All-American caliber.

KNOWING NO LIMITS

WOMEN'S TRACK TEAM CONTINUED TO ADD TO ITS NATIONAL REPUTATION AS AN ELITE PROGRAM.

Story by Dan Ryan • Layout by Pam Riley

At the pace the Illinois women's track program is setting under veteran coach Gary Winckler, a national title could become reality in the not-too-distant future. After all, an NCAA Championship remains the one goal that has eluded the Illini program since Winckler's arrival 11 years ago.

Illinois came close to reaching that highest of standards once again last spring, taking sixth in the national indoor meet and fourth at the outdoor version for the second straight year. Led by a star-laden senior class featuring All-Americans Tonya Williams, Dawn Riley, Terra Tyus and Laura Mindock and a standout sophomore class of All-Americans Aspen Burkett, Benita Kelley, Collinus Newsome and Nora Weber, the Illini had arguably their best season in the program's history.

The Illini breezed through their indoor schedule with the Big Ten indoor meet in their sights, and successfully defended their title by outscoring host Wisconsin by 18 points in a two-team race. The indoor championship was the fourth in five years for the Orange and Blue.

Individual champions for Illinois included Tyus in the long jump, Riley in the triple jump and 55-meter hurdles, Newsome in the shot put and Kelley in the 55-meter dash and the 4X400 relay.

After several Illini competed in the U.S. Track and Field

Indoor Championships in Atlanta, a symbol of Illinois' international reputation as a hotbed of talent, Winckler's team put the finishing touches on its most successful season with an all-time high sixth-place showing at the NCAA Indoor Championships. Illinois finished one point out of sole possession of fourth place.

"We've definitely gotten over the Midwest barrier," Weber said of the stereotype that Midwestern programs can't compete with coastal teams.

"Weather doesn't determine performance, and it's only a drawback if you let it be. Gary makes sure we don't view it as an excuse."

Having taken yet another step forward with an excellent indoor season, what happened at the Big Ten outdoor meet was made even more surprising. Especially after Illinois was crowned the unofficial champions of the ultra-competitive Penn Relays, the first time the Illini had ever accomplished the feat. Although Illinois headed to Penn State's campus as the prohibitive favorite to defend its outdoor title, dehydration and injuries contributed to Wisconsin's 149-148 upset of the defending champions. With the one point win, the Badgers exacted revenge on the Illini for the indoor defeat on their home track in Madison.

"We had so many injuries in a lot of pivotal events," Burkett said. "That bothered us, but we still had a job to do."

Conference champions from Illinois were Kerry Ann Richards in the 100-meter dash, Burkett in the 200, Tonya Williams in the 100- and 400-meter hurdles, Newsome in the shot put, Mindock in the discus and both the 4X100 and 4X400 relay teams.

True to form, Winckler prepared Illinois to learn from its mistakes and rebound in a big way at the national championships, and the team did not let him down. The Illini duplicated their fourth-place finish of 1994, this time on the campus of Oregon, thanks to even more clutch individual performances. Williams won her second national title in the 400-meter hurdles and came close to a third in the 100-meter hurdles. Despite having to say goodbye to another excellent senior class, Winckler has Illinois poised for another banner recruiting class. Plus, several of his athletes received the added experience of competing in the Olympic Trials in Atlanta this summer, which should provide extra impetus in their collegiate competition this spring.

"That's a big blow, but we're not going to set our sights any lower," Winckler said.

"People are going to look at the losses and the number of events we lost and think 'That's going to be that.' That's fine with me. That's the surprise they



—JOHN KIM

FACT NOT OPINION

UI		Opp.
80	Purdue	75
80	Southern Illinois	54
80	Toledo	13
1st	Rocky Mountain Cup	
1st	Big Ten Indoor Championships	
6th	NCAA Indoor Championships	
2nd	Big Ten Outdoor Championships	

TENNIS



-Ryan Donovan

LEAVING PAST BEHIND

UNDER DIRECTION OF AMBITIOUS TILEY, THE MEN'S TENNIS PROGRAM REACHED A BIG TEN TITLE MATCH.

Story by Sarah Ryan • Layout by Katherine Guinnane

FACT NOT OPINION

UI		Opp.
6	Oklahoma	1
6	Illinois State	1
6	Ohio State	1
6	Ball State	1
6	Miami (OH)	1
3	Notre Dame	4
6	Indiana	1
2	Boise State	4
2	Texas Tech	4
3	Clemson	4
2	California-Irvine	5
3	Pepperdine	4
3	Minnesota	4
5	Iowa	2
4	Michigan State	3
0	Michigan	7
6	Wisconsin	1
5	Northwestern	2
5	Purdue	2
4	Penn State	3
4	Penn State	1
4	Minnesota	3
2	Michigan	5
2	Northwestern	5

Since he arrived in Champaign to resurrect the Illinois tennis program four years ago, coach Craig Tiley had compiled some pretty impressive stats. He took the men's team from a 4-21 season in 1993 to 14-10 overall in 1996, not to mention a second-place finish in the 1996 Big Ten Championships.

Last spring, the team posted a 10-3 record in the Big Ten, scoring big wins against nationally-ranked Northwestern and Minnesota, the four-time defending Big Ten champion. Also, they were one of six teams in the nation selected as an All-American Academic Team with a cumulative GPA of 4.2 on a 5.0 scale. Additionally, Tiley was named the NCAA Region IV Coach of the Year.

"It is an honor to be recognized as one of the top eight coaches in the country," Tiley said. "And it is particularly rewarding since I've only been here for a short time."

A winning season was not the only thing Tiley gave his team. He instilled a new sense of confidence and pride in his players, and they responded. Tiley attributed much of the program's development and growing success to discipline and a daily commitment to excellence. This combination directed nationwide attention toward Illinois as the program of the future.

"Illinois is really lucky to have coach Tiley," said interna-

tionally-ranked Jerry Turek. "He's a great motivator, very dedicated and he really knows the game."

Making their breakthrough campaign even more impressive was the fact that the Illini had to face one of the toughest schedules in the Midwest. They began the season in style by winning their first five matches before being defeated 4-3 by No. 16 Notre Dame. After a victory at Indiana, the Illini dropped tough decisions to sixth-rated Pepperdine and conference rival Michigan. But Illinois righted the ship with a surprising victory over No. 40 Northwestern.

Victories over Minnesota and Penn State propelled Illinois into the title match of the Big Ten Championships, where it dropped a rematch with the Wolverines. At the NCAA Midwest Regional, Illinois lost another frustrating match to Northwestern in the first round.

"The loss to Michigan was a little disappointing, and we may have underestimated Northwestern," Turek said. "We're right there, though. We just need to put it together."

The 1996 fall season proved to be a huge success for the Illini as well. Although the season consisted primarily of individual tournaments, the team fared well in almost all of them. Dominating the Rolex Regional Tournament was a highlight of the season, especially when Turek and doubles partner Brady Blain

toppled the No. 1-seeded Purdue team 6-4, 7-6 to take the championship. The pair had a doubles record of 93-38 and were ranked 20th in the country.

"Doing well in the Rolex Regionals has given us the confidence to take ourselves to a higher level," Tiley said.

Looking ahead to a promising 1997 spring season, Illinois had beaten every team in its region at least once except Michigan and Notre Dame, the teams to beat the coming spring. The Illini's goal was to beat them as well as other ranked teams on their stacked schedule, including Top 5 teams Stanford and California.

"If we do well against these teams, which is very possible, it will be a major upset," Tiley said. "No matter what, though, we know we are good enough to contend with these teams."

Illinois was ranked among the top 50 in the preseason poll, and the Illini were favored to win the Big Ten title. Tiley was also expecting a win at the NCAA Regionals and an appearance in the NCAA Championships in May.

"We have come so far in such a short time," Tiley said. "The most satisfying aspect of the success of the program is that we've done it the right way—with hard work and discipline. With that belief in mind, we can accomplish any goal we set."



-Ryan Donovan

An Illinois player executes his backhand on an opponent. Once a player returned the ball, he must be prepared for the next play by moving quickly and positioning himself in the right place on the court.



-Ryan Donovan

One player follows through on his forehand to return a ball before it bounces out of bounds. When the ball entered his side of the court, a player had to return it after one bounce.

TENNIS



-Joel Rennich

FACT NOT OPINION

UI		Opp.
0	Notre Dame	7
7	Western Michigan	0
5	Miami (Ohio)	2
6	Ball State	1
3	North Carolina	6
5	Virginia	4
0	South Alabama	7
2	South Florida	5
6	Ohio State	1
4	Indiana	3
4	UC-Santa Barbara	5
2	San Diego State	7
4	Pacific	5
8	Yale	1
7	Ohio State	1
6	Iowa	1
2	Minnesota	5
3	Michigan	4
6	Michigan State	1
0	Wisconsin	7
1	Northwestern	6
3	Purdue	4
4	Penn State	3
4	Iowa	2
2	Northwestern	4
1	Northwestern	5

FORK IN THE ROAD

THE WOMEN'S TENNIS PROGRAM WAS ON THE VERGE OF BREAKING THROUGH TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

Story by Steve Hanf • Layout by Colleen Christensen

The 1996-97 season represented a crossroads of sorts for the Illinois women's tennis team. Illinois came off a

disappointing 1996 spring season that ended up more as a rebuilding year than anything else. The Illini went 12-14 overall and split in the Big Ten at 6-6. With the subpar record, thoughts of what might have been quickly became refocused on waiting until next year.

"I hesitate to put limits on a team," coach Jennifer Roberts said. "The upper division of the Big Ten was a realistic goal. It just did not work out that way at the end of the year."

Part of the problem last season for Roberts and the Illini was a weakness at the doubles positions, which Illinois had usually been strong in.

Integrating new players with the juniors that were already entrenched created matchup problems, and Roberts said a lack of experience plagued the team for most of the season.

There were some highlights for the Illini last year. Emerging as a player with great potential for the future was freshman Stacy Schapiro, who stepped into the No. 2 singles position and posted a winning record there, going 24-20 on the season. Schapiro and fellow freshmen Liana Aguerro and Lindsey Bruce combined this season to form a young nucleus

for the future that helped the current crop of seniors try one last time for a Big Ten title.

"Everybody really wants it this year," Schapiro said. "We know this is the seniors' last chance to win the Big Ten."

Jessica Klapper, Susanne Land and Laura Rydberg were three of the five seniors that made the most impact this season. Klapper finished with a 20-win season of her own last season at No. 3 singles.

Meanwhile, Land struggled with the jump to the No. 1 spot, going just 7-19 there and ending 13-27 overall. Rydberg was out for most of the year with a torn anterior cruciate ligament of the knee, but showed signs she would enjoy a full return, going 2-1 in the last few matches of the season.

"Last year, none of us had an outstanding year, but I don't think that places any limitations on what we can do," Klapper said. "When you go in as a senior, you look back and always want to accomplish more. Our ultimate goal is to win a Big Ten championship, and even if it doesn't come up this year, we can look back and say we were part of the building process."

That building process was the key for the Illini this season. The talent level of the recruits that Roberts had been able to bring to Illinois had steadily increased, bringing the Illini from the bottom of the Big Ten to near the top. Roberts said

a strong season this year was crucial to filling the spots of the five departing seniors after this season.

"I've taken this program to one level and need to take it to the next," Roberts said. "This recruiting class makes a big difference. It tells the story of whether or not I can, as a coach, take this team to the next level."

A strong showing this year helped the Illini beat out the likes of perennial Big Ten powers in securing prize recruits. Roberts said an average team cannot help overcome the recruiting obstacles Illinois already struggles with.

"We still have the cornfields, we still have the weather," Roberts said. "That means we have to work that much harder than the southern schools."

The rest of the Illini were behind Roberts in trying to get as many players as possible to hang a Big Ten Championship banner from the rafters of Atkins Tennis Center. Whether the title came in 1997 or further down the line, Illinois knew that long-term success started this season.

"The recruits we've brought in have really liked it here, and if we can get a couple of them, we should have a great year next year and accomplish our goals," Schapiro said. "The recruiting classes the next two years should determine whether we can win a Big Ten title."



-Joel Rennich

An Illinois tennis player jumps up with her forehand to hit the ball back to her opponent's side of the court. Not only did players practice hitting at their hip and waist level, but they also needed to prepare themselves for any balls that bounced close to the ground and ones which extended beyond their reach.



-Joel Rennich

Preparing to use her backhand, an Illinois player takes a step back to have better access to the ball. During a match, it was important for players to always stay on their toes, ready to move, and to keep an eye on the ball.



An Illinois golfer putts the ball toward the hole. The right grip was needed in order to have more control over the ball and have better chances of scoring close to par.



Studying all the angles possible in between her ball and the hole, an Illinois golfer plans her next move. When executing a shot, it was important to consider all of the surrounding elements since even the slightest wind or bump could change the direction of the ball.



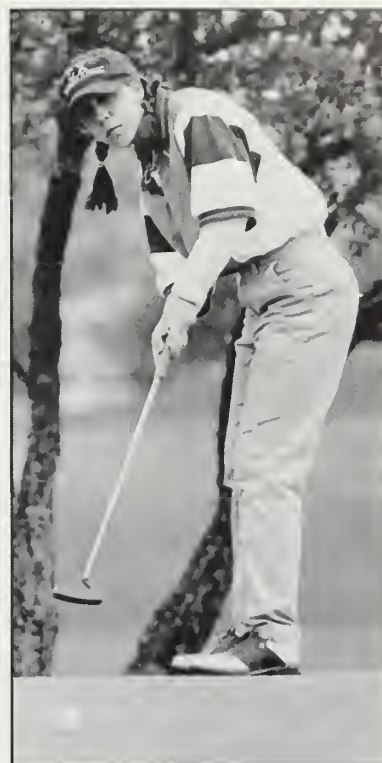
-Jon Kim

HITTING THE ROUGH

**BOTH GOLF PROGRAMS LOOKED FOR BETTER RESULTS
AFTER SUFFERING THROUGH SUBPAR SEASONS.**

Story by Adam Slahor • Layout by Elena Ontiveros

GOLF



-Jon Kim

The Illinois men's and women's golf teams suffered through difficult spring seasons, but both teams used the fall season as an opportunity for redemption.

The men's golf season started off slow, but the team warmed up for the last three tournaments, finishing off the year in 10th place in the Big Ten.

Illinois played its first two tournaments in the Florida sunshine at the Florida Southern Classic, and at the Seminole Classic in Tallahassee where they finished eighth in a field of 18 teams. Brian Atkinson finished the tournament in 14th place and Ryan Graff finished in 26th place. Inconsistency plagued the Illini throughout the season.

"From tourney to tourney, we had three good rounds out of the five," said junior Mark Henderson. "We need five good rounds to beat the top teams in the conference."

The team did not play its best at the Dr. Pepper and Marshall Invationals, but team commitment and longer hours on the greens helped them finish well at Illinois' next three tourneys.

Brian Atkinson and Mark Henderson, who played their best golf of the year, led the team during these three outings.

The team placed poorly at the Big Ten Championships, hosted by the University of Wisconsin, finishing in 10th place, beating only Iowa.

The Illini played better in the fall season. They finished in

the top half of three of the four tournaments. Henderson finished in the Top 10 for the second time at the Falcon Invite in Colorado Springs, which helped the team place 11th out of 24 teams. After the team fared poorly at Ohio State, the Illini had one of their best efforts of the year at Michigan. Parga and Henderson led the Illini by placing 10th and 13th respectively.

The Illini ended the year in Louisville, finishing in the upper echelon. The team looks forward to bigger and better things next season.

The Illini women's golf team, a young, inexperienced squad, spent this spring trying to regroup from a poor season. Illinois coach Paula Smith is banking on her younger players who will have another season of experience under their belts this time around.

The Illini started the season off poorly in the warm climates of Tampa, Florida and Oahu, Hawaii. Ashley Webb led the team in Hawaii, finishing the tournament in 31st place out of more than 100 participants.

The Illini then travelled to frigid Ohio State. The snowfall plagued the Illini, who lost their concentration. The team had never played in such adverse conditions. The team was optimistic about travelling south again to Athens, Georgia to play in the Liz Murphey Classic, but placed poorly again.

The surroundings were familiar at the Blue Course in

Champaign, and it was this home cooking which helped the Illini finish their best tourney of the year. The Illini placed fifth and had four outstanding finishes. Jacqueline Rubin finished the tournament tied for 11th place, Webb finished 19th, Jillian Sitter finished 26th and Kristie Treseler finished 29th.

The Illini couldn't muster up much at the Big Ten Championships at Indiana, where the weather played a factor. The tournament ended after 54 holes. The Illini finished in 11th place in the Big Ten. Despite the last-place finish, two Illini finished with solid efforts. Freshman Jillian Sitter finished with an 85 in one round and junior Michelle Lin finished with an 86.

The fall season began with new hopes for the team, but most of the same results continued. The Illini played their best meet at Kentucky. Lorette Lytle, who came in 21st place, led the team at the Lady Kat Invitational.

"We played hard and got decent results this weekend," said Head Coach Paula Smith. "This is by far the best we've played so far."

"The team is working together in a much better fashion," said senior Michelle Lin. "With a little more practice, we should have a much better season next year."

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20th	Florida Southern
	Imperial Lakes Classic
8th	Seminole Classic
13th	Dr. Pepper/ Tanglewood Invite
15th	Marshall Invitational
7th	Legends of Indiana Invitational
12th	Kepler Intercollegiate
7th	Kent Invitational
10th	Big Ten Championships
	Women
16th	Snowbird Invitational
13th	Ohio State Invitational
22nd	Liz Murphey Classic
5th	Illini Spring Classic
11th	Big Ten Championships

SPORTS



-Andrew Ryback

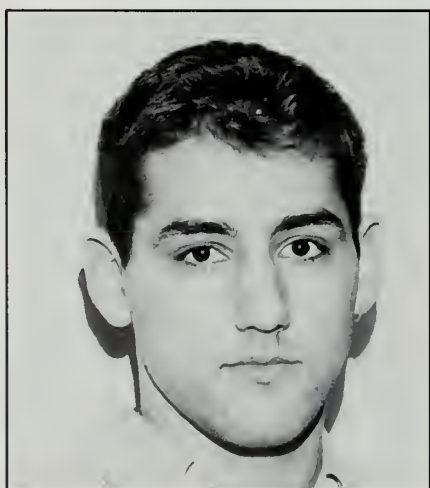


-Daily Illini File Photo

When Lou Henson retired, many fans waited on pins and needles to see who would take his place. When the Illini hired Lon Kruger, of the University of Florida, and overlooked former assistant Jimmy Collins, many questions arose.

DOES LON FILL THE SHOES?

PRO



Adam Motin
senior in Communications

When he picked Lon Kruger to be Lou Henson's successor at Illinois, Athletic Director Ron Guenther said Kruger was his first choice for the job. What caught

Guenther's eye? Maybe it was Kruger's career coaching record - 52 games over the .500 mark at schools like Kansas State, Pan American and Florida, not exactly basketball powerhouses. Maybe it was the Gators' improbable Final Four appearance in 1994. Or maybe it was Kruger's pair of South Eastern Conference Coach of the Year awards. Whatever it was that got Kruger the job, Illini fans should be happy with Guenther's decision. At the time he was hired, Kruger was without a doubt the best coach available.

In his twenty-one years as head coach, Lou Henson became an institution here at Illinois. He transformed a

losing program into a competitive one, amassing over 400 wins and a Final Four appearance in the process. But in recent years the Illini have wallowed in mediocrity, and soon the waiting was on the wall. With everyone wondering when he would finally step down, Henson became a lame duck coach. Rumors of who his successor would be were everywhere before Henson even decided to resign. It was time for a change.

When Henson finally announced his retirement, Illini fans expected Ron Guenther to hire the reincarnation of John Wooden. So when Lon Kruger was introduced as Illinois' new

head coach, most fans were disappointed. Why? Of all the coaches mentioned as potential candidates, how many of them were realistic options? Duke's Mike Krzyzewski? Dream on. Hot coaching prospects like George Washington's Mike Jarvis or Iowa State's Tim Floyd? Those two probably had their sights set on bigger jobs. Ron Guenther was in a bind. He needed a young, successful coach who could recruit in Chicago. He needed someone willing to take over a team angered by the Jimmy Collins fiasco. And he needed someone fast, or else risk falling behind other schools in the recruiting race.

Enter Lon Kruger. A head coach for 14 years with a history of resurrecting stagnant programs. He coached at Pan American University for four seasons before returning to his alma mater Kansas State in 1986. There he led the Wildcats to a school record: four straight NCAA tournament berths, including his record-tying 1988 team, which won 25 games and advanced to the Elite Eight. But his greatest glory came at Florida. In 1990, Kruger took over a team that won just seven games the year before. Two years later, the Gators were in the NIT Final Four and Kruger won his first Coach of the Year. In 1994, Kruger's Gators capped their amazing 29-8 season with a trip to the Final Four, earning Kruger

his second Coach of the Year.

With this kind of resumé, Illini fans should be confident with their team in his capable hands. Lon Kruger worked absolute miracles in the past at schools flirting without the financial resources or recruiting base of Illinois. Kruger is a terrific X's and O's coach with a knack for getting kids to perform beyond their potential. So, Illini fans, forget about Coach K and what might have been. Lon Kruger is the head coach of the Fighting Illini basketball team. And you all will learn to love him.

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Tori Zummo
junior in Nursing

The shouts of "Loooouuuu" at the start of every basketball game is a sound that will echo in Assembly Hall forever. Can you still hear it? I can. It was just another one of those mystical traditions that surrounded Illinois Basketball, and another one that surrounded one of the winningest coaches in Illini history. Lou Henson was a

man that Illini fans will not soon forget.

Henson came to the Illini in 1975, choosing to head a team at Illinois that had gone 5-18 and 8-18 in the previous two years. He had the intention of turning the Illini program around quickly. He did this and much more. His teams appeared in the NCAA tournament nine times out of the next ten seasons.

Continuing through the next eleven seasons, Henson put together teams that had their ups and downs, as any other college squad did, but no other team soared as high as the 1988-89 "Flying Illini." With some of the greatest players in Illinois history, including Nick Anderson, Kendall Gill, Marcus Liberty, Kenny Battle and Stephen Bardo, Henson led the Illini to a number one ranking during the season and to the promised land - the Final Four in Seattle. He also cared about the players, the fans and his coaching staff. His friendly smile, courageous words and, of course, his famed "Lou Do" will live on forever in Illinois history. His record will as well, an amazing 422-220 over his twenty-one year tenure.

Following the end of last season, Henson decided it was time for him to hang up his eventful career coaching at the U of I. We knew it would end sometime, but for many of us it was shocking and unexpected. I would like to salute Lou one last time and say thanks Lou...for all the memories.

campus news



Left: Teppner spent many hours this year saying goodbye to the players. **Right:** Even at the Minnesota game, with few fans in the stands, Teppner proudly led the team onto the field. **Bottom Right:** Minnesota Head Coach Jim Wacker shared sob stories with Teppner. Wacker also resigned in 1996.

November 11: All year, Illini fans knew it was going to happen. Actually, most of them were waiting for it to occur. But Lou Teppner, on the other hand, thought his job was secure after Athletic Director Ron Guenther ensured him that he would allow him to fulfill his contract. The waiting ended after Teppner posted a 2-7 record over the first nine games of the season, but the decision was probably made after the Illini were routed by Michigan State 42-14 during the sixth week of the season. Teppner finished off the season, which ended up the worst season in over two decades. He finished his five year tenure at Illinois with a record of 25-29-2, and with a Big Ten record of 17-19-2. He led the Illini to the Holiday Bowl in 1992 and the Liberty Bowl in 1994, and took over for John Mackovic in the John Hancock Bowl in 1991. Teppner ended with a 1-2 record in bowl games, only winning the Liberty Bowl against East Carolina. Last year might have been the beginning of the end for Teppner, when he coached two of the top three NFL draft picks (Simeon Rice and Kevin Hardy), yet only led the Illini to a dismal 5-5-1 record and no bowl. His greatest accomplishments were off the field. Teppner focused the team on having a family commitment and was proud of his players' extraordinary graduation rate. The most crucial point to coaching a football team, winning, was not accomplished at Illinois. Teppner was one of four coaches who were dismissed from the Big Ten this year.

December 2: Chicago Bears offensive coordinator Ron Turner was hired in Lou Teppner's place. A majority of students and Illini football fans were thrilled with the addition of Turner. He had also added many positive coaching changes on his staff, including many coaches from the Bears staff. Turner admitted that he did not know much about the Illini but that he was willing to learn. After a 2-9 season, the Illini were ready for change, and things were only looking up for the squad. Turner brought a great change in attitude and brought a more offensive team to Memorial Stadium, something that both fans and players wanted. The Illini players were excited because Turner is known as an open-minded and fair coach. Hopefully Turner will lead the Illini to better things for many years to come.



Local News Highlights

END OF AN ERA: BASKETBALL HAS COACHING CHANGES, TOO

Lou Henson, the U of I basketball coach for 21 seasons, announced his retirement on February 24, 1996, after a win over Iowa.

Within a month of this announcement, Florida head coach Lon Kruger was signed to a five-year deal worth \$3 million.

Henson won more games than any other Illini basketball coach. He took Illinois to nine NCAA tournament appearances in ten seasons, including one Final Four, before NCAA sanctions interrupted the streak.

Henson was considered a coaching legend to many Illini fans. One local news station, WCIA--channel three, released a commemorative video after his retirement was announced.

Local News Highlights

THE BULLS ARE THE GREATEST TEAM EVER!

After winning a record-breaking 72 games during the regular season, the Chicago Bulls won their fourth championship in six years.

The Bulls defeated the Seattle SuperSonics in six games.

Michael Jordan not only was the first player in history to win the NBA's MVP award four times, but he was also the second player in history to win regular season, All-Star and finals MVP awards.

The Bulls were also lead by Scottie Pippen and the outspoken, colorful Dennis Rodman.

Rodman gained much publicity last year, including an appearance on "Oprah" and his own show on MTV.

June 6: The new Bielfeldt Athletic Administration Building, which housed offices for sports coaches and staff, finally opened its doors so its occupants could move in. The building, which did not open its doors to the public until the Fall, was 40,000 square feet and housed a Hall of Fame for all University athletics and a "Park of Tradition," which was a lounge area outside to commemorate all Illini athletics. The building was made possible by a \$6 million grant donated by the Bielfeldt Foundation.

November 21: The Illini took on their ex-assistant coach and friend Jimmy Collins and his UIC Flames in an emotional season opener. It was not only Collins' first game for the Flames, but it was also Lon Kruger's first game coaching the Fighting Illini. The Illini prevailed in front of an emotional sold-out crowd at the UIC Pavilion.

November 20: Any speculation of Lon Kruger being a poor recruiter in the state of Illinois was put aside when Kruger recruited two of the most highly acclaimed players in the country. Sergio McClain, a 6-foot-4, and Marcus Griffin, a 6-foot-8 forward, both of Peoria Manual High School, signed letters of intent to play with the Illini next year. These two recruits were two of the biggest recruits the school had signed in years.

October 31: The Illini men's cross country team gained rankings as high as number 22 over the course of the 1996 season. At the time, they were the only varsity team ranked on campus. Juniors Jason Zieren and Brett Siglin were two top runners who led them to their high ranking.





October 5: The Illini welcomed former head coach Mike Hebert back to Huff Hall when his Minnesota Gophers took on the Illini. Hebert coached the Illini for thirteen years. The Illini dropped the match to the Golden Gophers three games to one.

February 23: The Illini women's basketball team played for the Big Ten Championship versus Purdue in front of 16,050 crazed Illini fans, the largest crowd to ever watch a women's Big Ten basketball game. The Illini lost the game 80-75, but won a share of the Big Ten Championship with Purdue and Michigan State. It was their first championship ever for the Illini women.

December 7: The Illini Classic was played for the last time this year. The Illini, who had won all 36 games they had played in the Classic, always played three cupcake teams in the tourney. This year, the Illini routed Columbia and Tennessee State, while Eastern Michigan also played in the tournament. Lon Kruger hopes to schedule two games with higher caliber teams next season.

November 19: The Illini women's soccer team played in the national tournament after dominating the field in the Midwest Conference Championship. Illinois finished the regular season at 19-2-2. The team, which was a club sport, hoped to be able to enter the Big Ten in a few years.

June 6: The Illini's dynamic duo of Josh Klimek and Brian McClure will be playing in major league uniforms next season. Klimek, the former Illini shortstop and Big Ten Player of the year, was drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers while fellow infielder Brian McClure was drafted by the San Diego Padres.

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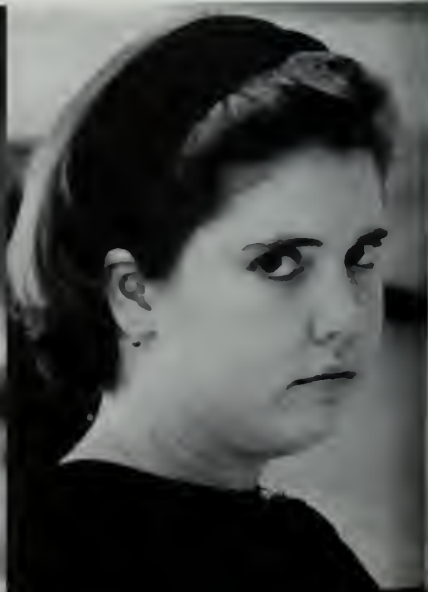
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OPINIONS

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Two Illini Pride members work on a float for the Homecoming Parade. Illini Pride is one of the most popular clubs on campus, boasting hundreds of members.
Photos by Pete MacKay





editor gretchen blount

"Get Involved!" This is possibly the most common advice given by family and friends to new college students every year. The U of I offers over five hundred clubs, but it might also be beneficial to remind students not to get too involved, for they could quickly be overwhelmed. Students are also reminded that this campus boasts the largest Greek system in the United States, and where there are Greeks, there are exchanges, philanthropies, dances and other social functions. Finding a balance between academics and extra-curricular activities is often

"Everybody has their own opinion."

-Perry Farrell

challenging, and this year's Panhellenic Council made that balance even harder to reach. Sorority rush extended a full month into the fall semester of classes, as opposed to the previous week-long rush held before classes in August. This change was made to make Rush a little less, well... rushed, and to give girls a chance to make a well-thought-out decision. However, this change backfired midway through Rush when many girls were forced to choose between cramming for exams and attending Invitationals. Many students felt the Greek system controlled the campus, but there were many other ways to get involved. From a skydiving club to a Pre-Vet club, the options a student had in extra-curricular involvement were extensive. Each club had their chance to pick up new members on Quad Day, where student organizations congregated and set up booths to inform the student population on campus who they were and what they had to offer. All have opinions of what is right and wrong for us. Whether students wish to turn Greek or remain independent lies in their own hands. Whatever students chose, they were guaranteed friends which will last a lifetime.



STORY

by Acacia PAST AND PRESENT

"Brotherhood is the bond that unites us all." -Jason Green, junior in Engineering

acacia

THIS YEAR WAS a strong year for the brotherhood of Acacia. Through leadership, the house grew strong in many aspects.

To begin '96-97, Acacia had a blast with many activities, including football block with T Delts, their annual Vacacian party, Bid Night with Alpha Chi Omega and exchanges with Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma. They also participated in the Seven Days of Service, which consisted of doing a different charitable event each day, including bowling for muscular dystrophy, working for the Urbana Park District, holding a blood drive at the Acacia house, donating a dinner to a local women's shelter, an all-campus canned food drive, cooking dinner for the Center for Women in Transition and bowling with Don Moyer's Boys and Girls Club. This year, the brothers of Acacia held a strong bond which enabled them to enjoy the times they had at U of I. They bid farewell to the seniors and want to let them know that they will be missed.

Acacia: First Row: Buddy (house dog,) Dan Knieriem, Chris Jackson, Andrew Justice, Mike Broms, Dave Jennings, Chad Sellman, Tim Weselak, Jess Waldeck, Wade Challacombe, Mike Coniff, Mike Walsh. Second Row: Yutaka Abe, Marc Henshaw, Dave Pautlitz, Jason Green, Jay Delfin, Sandy Durek, Norm Rivera, Dave Gielicz, Dan Pancorvo, Ian Cull. Third Row: Brian Eby, Andrew Nowak, Jon Branham, Mark Worman, Leo Mendia, Scott Koch, Tim Pearson, Jay Rodgers, Mark Dalby. Fourth Row: Doug Watanabe, Juan Arciniegas, Jay Bogseth, Paul Jacobsen, Mike Starkley, Dan Cohen, Marcus Samaan, Tim Thompson, Joel Busboom, Andrew Fiester, Mike Chiapetta. Fifth Row: Mike Riley, Bryan Scholnick, Ben Onken, Bob Govoni, Aaron Barr, Mike Hubbard, Matt Gardner, Mike Kokat.



Acacia Seniors: First Row: Tim Weselak, Jess Waldeck, Jay Delfin, Dave Jennings.
Second Row: George Haenisch, Wade Challacombe, Leo Mendia, Mike Walsh, Norm Rivera, Andrew Justice. **Third Row:** Andrew Nowak, Tim Thompson, Marcus Samaan, Joel Busboom, Tim Pearson.
Fourth Row: Ian Cull, Jon Branham, Paul Jacobsen, Mike Hubbard, Mike Broms, Matt Gardner, Mike Coniff.



Alpha Chi Omega

STORY

by Alpha Chi's

PAST AND PRESENT

"Together let us seek the heights."

THE IOTA CHAPTER of Alpha Chi Omega was founded at the University of Illinois in 1899.

*-Maria Russo,
junior in LAS*

Originally created as a musical sorority, Alpha Chi Omega now welcomes a diverse group of girls. Alpha Chis were very involved on campus in activities ranging from S.A.M.S., Illinettes, Illini Recruiting and Student Alumni Association. Alpha Chi Omega was proud of the high academic success of its members. Alpha Chi Omega proudly supported the philanthropy Victims of Domestic Violence, and encouraged its members to be involved in other community service events. But most importantly, Alpha Chi Omega was a home to its members, a place where friendships for a lifetime were formed, and a place where every girl was encouraged to be her unique, beautiful self.



Alpha Chi Omega Seniors:

Front Row: Vanessa Thurmond, Gina Boens, Sarah Barnes, Susie Becker, Kory Morrison, Michelle Pippitone, Christy Waldorff, Jeanne Dorigi. Second Row: Merideth Welsch, Erin Doyle, Jen Fenoglio, Amanda Herman, Stacy Kyros, Corey Evans, Keri Sullivan, Kara McMahon, Jen Sinak, Melissa Guleserian, Caroline Janacek, Steph Hardy, Jen Cieslak, Betsey Welsh, Susie Taylor, Bridgett Brennan, Emily Kyro, Megan Lucie.



Alpha Chi Omega: First Row: J. Stein, B. Daly, S. Toth, B. Brush, E. McCarthy, A. Kuhlemeir, M. Kucik, M. Waldorf, K. Costa. Second Row: J. Irwin, G. Dumbrava, M. Piano, B. Wang, K. Breda, J. Stubblefield, R. Taurina, K. Hillemeier, J. Rutland, C. Cochran, B. Ray. Third Row: K. Springer, C. Roder, T. Malec, A. Oeterly, M. Kapellan, J. Buesenger, M. Hanley, S. Johnson, T. Plank, J. Larson, L. Boudreaux, B. Holmes, L. Sawchuck, A. Fierz, L. Krzeczowski, J. Nichols, J. Cohan, A. Kinney, E. Hentges. Fourth Row: A. Swann, M. Preucil, H. Artis, N. Guirguis, R. Mick, T. Siler. Fifth Row: N. Pavichevich, S. Hudzik, H. Whitfield, B. Voelker, A. Wills, W. Haugan. Sixth Row: J. DiPasquale, P. Shaheen, L. Carani, C. Brush, N. Campo, A. Komperda. Seventh Row: D. Glennon, M. Stewart, M. Talarico, L. Paolilli, S. Frailey. Eighth Row: A. Carlson, L. Shatkus, G. Lobello, A. Wilke, J. Barnes. Ninth Row: N. Ippolito, L. Voza, C. Gonzalez, M. Helfgot, B. Pickens. Tenth Row: B. Condon, R. Gallagher, J. Frost, E. Day. Eleventh Row: J. Mercier, M. Voelker, J. Burke, L. Cooper, M. Brining, M. Heintz, L. Frank. Twelfth Row: S. Hirsch, M. Finn, T. Fadden, K. Deal, K. Johnson, G. Zowandak, M. Gray, K. Kurth, A. Anspach. Thirteenth Row: S. Frank, M. Russo, T. Johnson, A. Roach, M. Worman, M. McCorquodale, M. Jaconetti, K. Bright, S. Arndt, R. Sanderson, H. Schlaffer, D. Heedum, O. Rodriguez. Fourteenth Row: V. Thurmond, C. Janacek, M. Guleserian, S. Taylor, B. Brennan. Fifteenth Row: M. Pippitone, S. Barnes, G. Boens, C. Waldhoff, M. Welsch, S. Becker, E. Doyle, K. Sullivan, S. Kyros, K. Morrison, A. Herman, C. Evans, J. Sinak, B. Welsh, K. McMahon, S. Hardy, J. Cieslak, M. Lucie, J. Dorigi, J. Fenoglio, E. Kyro.

STORY

by Alpha Delts

alpha delta phi

ALPHA DELTA PHI takes pride in tradition and brotherhood. They host the annual Moosehead and Trip 'N Fall parties.

**"Brotherhood."
-Jeff Chan, junior in LAS.**

Alpha Delts have many prestigious alumni that are still dedicated to the chapter. They participate in strong intramural athletic teams.



Alpha Delta Phi members gather under the moose head for their yearly picture.



Adam Silca, Kris Lindscog, A.J. Smith, Scott Mies, Lee Kubicki, Ryan Almon and John Hepokoski have fun on walkout to the University of Michigan in the Fall of '95.



Jeff Chan, Ken Biala and John Hepokoski get their dates and their wine glasses for a 1995 Christmas Formal Picture.

alpha delta pi

"First and the finest."

-Sara Young, junior in Engineering.

STORY

by Alpha Delta Pi

PAST AND PRESENT

THE WOMEN OF Alpha Delta Pi

started off the year with an all-chapter retreat at Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve to welcome all their new members.

Held the weekend following rush, it was a chance for everyone to become better acquainted while learning more about the chapter and sisterhood. ADPis continued their strong commitment to academics by hosting "study parties" one or two times a week as well as promoting "A is for ADPi." When a member receives an "A" on a test paper, they are given a star with their name and the course name on it to be put on the wall of the

study room. ADPi is proud that their all-house grade point average consistently ranks among the top, proving the importance and success of the programs. In honor of Valentine's Day, ADPis sold roses on the Quad to benefit their national philanthropy, the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House provides a place to stay for visiting families of terminally ill children in hospitals. Through a combined chapter effort, Alpha Delta Pi raised several hundred dollars to donate to those in need.



Alpha Delta Pi Seniors: Front Row: L. Shepard, J. Faris, J. Wirtz, K. Pettijohn, S. Kemmis, J. Kreutzer, D. Brehart, S. Arnold. Second Row: P. Hulting, C. Swartzfager, M. Tarter, J. Jensen, A. Enright, E. Osterhage, J. Lewis. Third Row: M. Dekoj, M. Fliss, K. Stergultz, K. Ruth, A. Knutson, J. Stauss. Fourth Row: A. Prechtel, M. Moehting, J. Kiaschko, H. Winkelmann.



Emily McCoy, Leslie Knittel, Jenny Kiaschko and Liisa Anderson are all smiles at R&R Sports Grill during "Psyche Up Party."

Some members of Alpha Delta Pi take a picture with a toy soldier during Road Trip '96.



STORY

by A E Phi

PAST AND PRESENT

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"We stand by our motto,
'many hearts, one
purpose.'"

-Allison Gottlieb,

sophomore in Education

ALPHA EPSILON PHI, located at

904 S. Third St. in Champaign,

had over 150 active members.

Alpha Epsilon Phi had the highest

addition, they raised money for their national philanthropy, the Chaim Sheba Medical Center in Israel and AIDS research. All year, Alpha Epsilon Phi enjoyed a packed social calendar consisting of exchanges, dances and sisterhood events.

sorority G.P.A. and the most 5.0s on campus. Alpha Epsilon Phis were seen all over campus in activities with the Rip Chords, WPGU-FM and the Illini Union Board. As much as they gave to the house, they gave equally to the community at places like the Rehabilitation Education Center, the Crisis Nursery and Covenant Hospital. In



Alpha Epsilon Phi: D. Abarbanel, J. Ander, J. Axelrod, R. Baskin, J. Berk, S. Bledig, L. Chait, M. Clark, R. Cohen, J. Friedman, J. Genender, J. Goldberg, J. Green, A. Greenblatt, A. Hall, C. Heyman, M. Hindson, A. Jacobs, D. Jacobson, M. Kaplan, J. Klor, A. Komisar, A. Kozak, S. Leiken, S. Levy, L. Lieberman, C. Mandel, A. Mandl, N. McCaffier, K. Miller, W. Netter, A. Newstead, C. Pontecore, J. Popper, M. Portes, M. Pritzker, K. Prockovic, S. Schachter, S. Shapiro, M. Schreiber, M. Schwartz, J. Shiffman, M. Treguboff, S. Warm, J. Widmer, K. Winer, S. Wolfe, F. Yablom, A. Yore, L. Zivkovic, J. Zuckerman, L. Alexander, B. Banoff, S. Barman, A. Berlin, B. Cohen, M. Cohen, E. Cohn, S. Dubin, B. Fine, S. Freedman, J. Friedman, S. Friedman, N. Furtak, D. Gelfeld, K. Gold, M. Goldberg, A. Gottlieb, N. Greenber, P. Greenber, D. Gutmann, S. Katz, A. Levine, M. Linderman, E. Mangurten, J. Melnik, J. Mendelson, B. Milligan, K. Mordini, S. Morris, A. Olefsky, R. Pomerantz, D. Portman, A. Raphael, R. Selinger, D. Sideman, M. Simon, M. Skale, J. Slaw, J. Steiner, C. Taylor, M. Tenzer, L. Touretz, S. Warman, J. April, K. Ballsrud, K. Berger, J. Berk, D. Bolos, A. Braveman, G. Chanenson, W. Diamond, J. Fischer, J. Flaig, A. Friedman, L. Goldfader, J. Hilb, M. Israel, C. Izsak, R. Kelber, A. Kirsche, J. Leavitt, L. Mednick, L. Melam, A. Morns, M. Neidich, B. Rosen, J. Rosenstein, A. Royce, E. Schwartz, L. Schwartz, J. Serlin, T. Shepherd, H. Silber, J. Smiley, R. Weinhaus, M. Bauer, A. Ben-Dov, K. Bernstein, M. Bezman, D. Bogoslaw, R. Feldheim, F. Goldberg, M. Kann, J. Kramer, S. Levin, J. Lifshin, M. Miller, M. Mirkin, E. Orloff, M. Rosen, A. Salasche, B. Schwechter, T. Selinger, M. Shames, J. Shinsky, N. Slutzky, J. Smith, J. Soshnik, K. Stolman, G. Warm, D. Weisberg.

Alpha Epsilon Phi Seniors: M. Bauer, A. Ben-Dov, K.

Bernstein, M. Bezman, D. Bogoslaw, R. Feldheim, F.

Goldberg, M. Kann, J. Kramer, S. Levin, J. Lifshin, M. Miller,

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Soshnik, K. Stolman, G. Warm, D. Weisberg.



alpha epsilon pi

STORY

by A E PIs

PAST AND PRESENT

"Go ape or go home."

-Jon Feldman,

sophomore in ALS

THE DELTA CHAPTER of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity was established in 1920.

The house encompassed a unified brotherhood as well as a strong sense of scholastic achievement. Their symbol is the lion and their colors are blue and gold. They won the award for the highest percentage of 5.0s for the last three semesters. The house consisted of 68 members from all over the continental US and Israel. Alpha Epsilon Pi engaged in a campus-wide pool tournament benefitting the Josh Gotheil Memorial Fund. They celebrated their 75th anniversary, and their Delta house was the longest continuous running chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi.



Alpha Epsilon Pi: First Row: Dan Nadler, Andy Weismann, Matt Weinstock, Bill Weinstock, Jay Gordon, Cory Block, Larry Tarshis, Harell Dolgin, Josh Erlich, Ari Henry, Jason Gross, Jeff Simon, Geoff Demars, David Bate, Chris King. Second Row: Paul Miller, Aaron Block, Andy Leibovitz, Adam Walter, Bradley Manewith, Ben Sturtz, Jess Block, Adam Hartman, Paul Shuman, Corey Freidman, Todd Burnam, Jeff Toppel, Matt Hoffman, Rich Reznick. Third Row: Max Kanter, Ron Fleecop, Mike Hoffman, Ben Barnett, Bryan Benavides, Micah Katcher, Scott Heinrich, Andy Rosenthal, Jason Polakow, Paul Brown, Jordan Diamond, Jay Wattenberg, Brad Gould. Fourth Row: Dave Hoffman, Brad David, Josh Friedman, Jason Kaufman, Dan Rabinowitz, Eric Shoemaker, Brett Gilbert, Joe Friedman, Jonathan Friedman, Lance Neuhauser, Zach Lindon, Kevin Chacon, Aaron Goldman.

The '99 Pledge class celebrates their football victory with cheers and cigars.



STORY

by Alpha Gamma

PAST AND PRESENT

THE WOMEN OF Alpha Gamma Delta displayed their diversity through numerous activities, including Illinettes, Illini Pride,

fought with squirt guns, were extremely fun and successful. The academic achievements of the chapter were seen in Alpha Gamma Delta numerous 5.0s as well as the honor societies to which the women belonged. Alpha Gams enjoyed sisterhood at its best with their diverse composition and active involvement.

Alpha Gamma Delta

"We are known for our diversity, achievements and community service."

-Jenn Larson, junior in Education

GRMC Executive Board, Diamond Girls, Volunteer Illini Projects, Army and Navy ROTC, Atius Sachem and intramural athletics. This year kicked off the first annual "Water War," an exciting event where fraternities and sororities paired up and engaged in an afternoon of combat in an effort to raise funds for children with diabetes. These wars



Alpha Gams show off their sisterhood at their pledge celebration.

Alpha Gamma Delta: First Row: D. Jay, K. Lange, J. Pouloupoulos, N. Rao, E. Meier, M. McNicholas, M. Lynott, M. Sunkel, C. Pyle, B. Wells, S. Johnson. Second Row: M. Weidman, D. Richards, S. Arfi, J. Bellich, J. Novosel, K. Semple, K. Porter, M. Murphy, J. Schuman, J. Ufkes, L. Bell, V. Szalaj, K. McWherter. Third Row: M. Cover, J. Edwards, E. Goben, L. Laymon, E. Van Buskirk, N. Gustshall, T. DeJaynes, J. Schaeffers, T. Flesner, J. Uzelac, K. Korytowksi, J. Hoehn, A. Gray, L. Jaschob. Fourth Row: Y. Aratyn, H. Kang, J. Vanek, K. Crowder, O. Stepaniuk, C. Albergro, M. Gretz, H. VanZeeland, K. Zuber, S. Harper, R. Sierens, J. Garner. Fifth Row: N. Stack, M. Keller, N. Hulva, P. Decker, C. Deloria, J. Maloney, E. Megginson, A. Barnett, K. Kasak, K. Harms, J. Price, K. Trevino, M. Wegryz, J. Szott, K. Willhardt, W. Soria, J. Hovey, M. Dardt, B. Mason. Sixth Row: J. Stone, I. Subbiah, T. Yurko, B. Patterson, S. Bingham, L. Lazar, D. Haag, K. Popik, K. Russo, Wilson, E. Gangi. Seventh Row: K. Kent, L. Piovosi, C. Lynde, M. Gardner, A. Sklenicka, Rennick, A. Raymond, J. Larson, E. Diehl, J. Van Kirk, J. Damery, M. McHale, S. Brewer, I. Hoedebeck, K. Bursiek, S. Com, K. Abruzino, H. Harper, C. Brodzik, C. Keating. Eighth Row: L. Oarciak, M. Gorski, D. Bogo, A. Goodin, B. Sliva, D. Gasiorowski, E. Nelson, Palmer, K. Harper, A. Bonello, C. Wilson, L. Gentry, N. Sogge, L. Pintor, C. Shaver, D. Smit, N. Jackman, K. Spohr. Ninth Row: K. Wuich, M. Rolnick, N. Selvaggio, C. Schmelebec, M. Williams, N. Salzman, J. Hajek, M. Drake, J. Campion, S. Vetter.



Alpha Gamma Delta celebrates Gilligan's Island.



alpha gamma rho

STORY

by Aggers

PAST AND PRESENT

*"Making men through
agriculture." -Steven C.
Knodle, Senior in ACES*

THE ALPHA CHAPTER of Alpha Gamma

Rho was a social/professional fraternity that consisted of 72 members.

Alpha Gamma Rho was consistently in the top ten in grades among fraternities. But Alpha Gamma Rho is not just about academics - it served as a source of campus involvement. This year alone, several members held leadership positions in clubs on campus. Excelling in academics and continuing a social program, Alpha Gamma Rho also made great efforts to financially contribute to campus including the Marching Illini. These finances came from the Foxy Lady Contest. The Alpha Chapter received a two-year award for Most Improved Chapter.



Seth Baker and Steve Knodle break to pose for a picture at Founder's Day.

Ryan Aupperle and Jon Heyen are decked out in tuxedos at the Pink Rose Spring Formal. The Pink Rose Spring Formal is one of Aggers most popular annual social events.

Alpha Gamma Rho: First Row: Nathan Kress, Dan Stokes, Brad Martin, Jeff Davis, George Lukach, Nick Frank, B.J. Smith, Rob Swinger, Clint Peters, Andrew Miller, Brandon Wright, Jeremy Strubbar, Jay Colan, Kent Wishop, Bryce Hoffman, Justin Short. Second Row: Craig Lee, Cliff Peterson, Brian Cahill, Jim O'Brien, Jim Hughes, Wade Baumgartner, Matt Frank, Bill Adams, Shane Koonce, Allan Myers, Chad Ruppert, Nathan Marsh, Ryan Fleming, Scott Swartzendruber. Third Row: Jeremy Hogan, Bradley Wolter, Ben Wenzel, Ryan Aupperle, Andrew Shissler, Aaron Vancil, Doug Lakamp, Jason Pirell, Jeremy Morris, Bret Hitchings, Stephen Lang, Erich Schott, Nathan Augspurger, John Dickinson, Jason Logsdon, Matt Boudeman, Brad Rademacher, advisor Dr. Gary Pepper. Fourth Row: Matt Connell, Dave Mouser, Bryce Rupert, Tom Foley, Jared White, Jon Heyen, Ben Poletti, Kyle McMillan, Dan Lane, Dan Smith, Tom Sutter, Steve Knodle, Seth Baker, Matt Rustemeyer, Colby Hoffman.



STORY

by Illidell

PAST AND PRESENT

alpha gamma sigma

"We are all ag majors going through the same thing."

-Mark Jeschke, freshman in ACES

THE ILLIDELL CHAPTER of Alpha Gamma Sigma was an agricultural fraternity whose roots dated back to 1949. Founded on the ideals of friendship and equality, the men of IlliDell had a strong bond of brotherhood. Their belief in a "strength from within" helped them prepare for successful careers in agriculture. But the men of IlliDell never lost sight of the fact that academics was their first priority. Alpha Gamma Sigma members also held leadership positions in campus organizations. This development of character only led to success in the agricultural industry.

Alpha Gamma Sigma Seniors:

First Row:

D.Brodie,
C.Bingman,
R.Allemand,
D.Dorn.

Second Row:

A.Heinzmann,
D.Raber,
K.Monk,
E.Reutter,
C.Scherer.

Third Row:

T.Dieckmann,
S.Mozingo.



Alpha Gamma Sigma: First Row: Jim Brix, Tim Samet, Jay Tamblin, Aaron Heinzmann, Doug Raber, Mike Daro, Zach Janssen, Brian Reimer, Blaine Eden, Karl Scherer, Josh Hackett, Bryan Anderson, Dave Dorn, Dan Glaenger, Wyatt Sweitzer, Ronnie Albers, Greg Bohme, Mark Jeschke. Second Row: Theron Dieckmann, Ryan Kidd, Jake Hinrichs, Tim Kollogg, Dick Marshall, Todd Mason, Chris Tholen, Ralf Ivans, Chris Oswald, Mark Brethauer, Jay Haning, Jason Goodner, Brad Graves, Robb Alleman, Kent Blunier, Chad Bingman, Brent Baker. Third Row: Randall Leigh, Dave Koehn, Chris Kallal, Kevin Monk, Darin Brodie, Eric Reutter, Rob Brown, Josh Kemple, Andy Pratt, Ethan Heinzmann, Alan Sasse, Scott Mozingo, Brad Dorsey

alpha kappa lambda

STORY

by AKLs

PAST AND PRESENT

THE GAMMA CHAPTER of Alpha Kappa Lambda enjoyed the celebration of its 75th Anniversary

"It's easy going and laid back." -Nate Yates, junior in ACES

this past year. The chapter was established on March 18, 1921, at 401 East Daniel. Its chapter colors are purple and yellow, and the chapter flower is a yellow rose. Their national philanthropy was the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Alpha Kappa Lambda held its' annual soccer tournament, AKL Kicks, to benefit this philanthropy. AKL fields many successful teams in a wide variety of intramural sports and recently won the Intramural Award from its National. AKL annually holds Fall Bash and Irishfest parties.



Many Alpha Kappa Lambda brothers enjoy barndance. Scott Hamrick, Marty McGrath, Steve Gradman and Pete Brant pose with their dates, flannels and bodas. Barndance is a traditional activity Alpha Kappa Lambda has every year in the fall. Many old and new members get in on the fun.

The Alpha Kappa Lambda house, located at 401 East Daniel St., is home to many of its members and always a place for alumni to visit.



Alpha Kappa Lambda: First Row: Stephan Sladek, Todd Bennis, Colby Garman, Joe Suhadolc, Malley (House dog,) Dustin Enright, James Derry, Brad Katzman, Chris Bryan, Matt Griffiths. Second Row: Pete Brant, Chris Potaczak, Dave Gagne, Jason Dang, Don Ross, Marty Fetzler, Derek Johansen, Brendan O'Malley, Andy Burnette. Third Row: Rick Reese, Matt Haapanen, Doug Bray, Trinity Saelens, Aaron Spelker, Jonathan Stolzenberg, Chris Burley, Dave Gilbert, Joe Leone, Dan Vaughan, Jason Stadsholdt, John Walsh. Fourth Row: Tom Cadwell, Jeff Fairbanks, Jason Elliot, Brian Kemp, Josh Meeks, Scott Hamrick, Dan Gerbas, Nate Yates, Brian Todd, Mike Madigan, John Madigan, Jeff Elliot, Nick Halper. Fifth Row: Matt Laske, John Heskin, Ryan Kido, Kendall Maffet, Todd Marciniak, Marty McGrath, Jim O'Malley, Matt Osiol, Perry Rhodes, Ernie Sanchez.



STORY

by 4-H PAST AND PRESENT

4-H house

FOUNDED IN 1934, 4-H House strove to meet the goals and expectations of its founders.

Those goals included lasting friendships, scholastic achievement, social opportunities and successful cooperative living. 4-H House joined

"I like 4-H because it is a unique bond of sisterhood."

-Kim Lester, sophomore in ACES

the Panhellenic Council in 1981 and continued to be active in the opportunities Panhel had to offer. Members were involved in many campus activities including Illini Pride, Student Alumni Association and Student Advancement Committee. 4-H House participated in various local philanthropies which benefited the community. These included local blood drives, a sweater drive with the Ag Mech Club and the Junior League Christmas Tree Sale. The women of 4-H House had an active social year with football block, set-ups, midnight, barndance, I-party, exchange Christmas party, Crush party, impromptus and White Rose Formal. 4-H participated in the first stage of rush, but selected their pledge class through two interviewing weekends held in the spring. The pledge class moved into the house the following fall. All members of 4-H House must have participated in 4-H for at least five years, which provided all members with a common bond.

4-H House: Front Row: Kathi Reed, Melissa Eddington, Becky Wallace, Erin Phillips, Julie Johnson, Jenny Taylor, Krystal Campbell, Melissa Schilling, Erica Marley, Stephanie Millburn, Stacy Webster, Alison Coil. Second Row: Amy Matthews, Jackie Langdon, Sara Schweitzer, Mandy Snell, Hannah Pope, Kim Walker, Heather Roberts, Jessica Armentrout, Vanessa Gay, Brooke Smith, Shanna Barnard, Amy Drach. Third Row: Erin Ryterski, Karissa Bischoff, Amanda Speir, Christie Butler, Tara Finck, Alston Plummer, Tina Lewis, Becky Champion, Jody Py, Stacy Wilcoxson, Stacy Hinshaw, Paula Meeker, Laura Temple. Fourth Row: Jenn Wilcoxson, Genefer Brashear, Holly Hinderliter, Molly Enger, Rachel Strode, Amy Bunselmeyer, Jenni Esworthy, Jan Croegaert, Annette Cole, Karen Corrigan, Julie Fredrick, Bethany Corbett, Janelle Lehmann, Lynn Eyman, Christi Schweitzer, Lora Webster.





Erin Ryterski, Rachel Strode, Meg Webster, Julie Fredrick and Beth Muster pose for a picture during I-Party.



Shanna Barnard, Alison Plummer, Becky Champion, Kim Lester and Stacy Hinshaw show some leg at formal.

The 4-H Senior Class poses at barn dance. 4-H has many social events for members during the year.

Members get together to create a pyramid at their Holiday Party.



Genefer Brashear and Bethany Corbett take time out from the fun to pose for a picture at their annual I-Party.



STORY

by AOPi

PAST AND PRESENT

alpha omicron pi

*"We stand by this year's
centennial slogan, 'the power
of friendship, A O Pi.'"*

-Kathy Pagakis,

Senior in Education

ALPHA OMICRON PI is a strong international women's fraternity with 170 collegiate chapters in the United States and Canada. Its chapter colors are cardinal red

and white. They raised money with "Run for the Roses," to benefit the Arthritis Research Foundation. Each spring on the last day of classes, they hold an event called Porch Fling. They invited friends to the house to barbecue, play volleyball, listen to music and talk. Some of our other social events include exchanges, Barndance, Winter Formal and Kidnap. AOPi was founded in 1897 at Barnard

College, and this year AOPi sisters around the world celebrated 100 years of The Power of Friendship in AOPi.

Alpha Omicron Pi

Seniors: First Row:

C.Reetz, A.Hart, H.

Pederson, L. Jelm.

Second Row: C.Piatek, L.

Baloun, J. Mennenga, J.

Laudeman, D. Beegan, L.

Jesberg, J.Kanaris. Third

Row: K. Slatkay,

K.Pagakis. Fourth Row:

N. Wieber, P.Ghuman,

M. Babiarz, M.Shanahan,

J. Drost, B.

DeChristopher, N. Austin,

J.Pierog, M. Sterrett, J.

Reinhart, N. Skarda, L.

Smith, T. Ferro, T.Lamb,

M.Operzedic, J.Gertsma.



Alpha Omicron Pi: First Row: A. Colaluca, S. Hoffman, D. Brueggen, S. Meier, Eagle, A. Ho, C. McGinnis, E. Murphy, J. Garzonetti, A. Agnoletti, C. Melhuish, Jansen, E. Anderson. Second Row: S. Faulkner, L. Johnson, J. Manning, J. Wood, Eckert, K. Kuroski, P. Sorey, K. Czarnecki, M. Shields, G. Lee, S. Franklin, J. Cu, E. Drepps, B. Isermann, J. Stevenson. Third Row: M. Janas, J. Smith, J. Del Bon, K. Swanson, A. Cook, M. Johnson, E. Grabski, J. Davis, K. Hedrick, F. Cerrantani, Claussen, T. Edwards, E. Bell, A. Marshall, A. Rossi, M. Ehrisman, J. Lauder. Fourth Row: L. Vance, M. Shanahan, N. Austin, B. DeChristopher, M. Sterrett, Pagakis, M. Babiarz, C. Piatek, N. Skarda, L. Jelm, T. Ferro, J. Pierog, J. Drost. Fifth Row: D. Beegan, P. Ghuman, A. Mendul, L. Jesberg, A. Hart, S. Langley, Sanderson, S. Steinberg, J. Frost, N. Roberts, L. Costa, A. Welchel. Sixth Row: Kanaris, J. Baldner, L. Baloun, C. Reetz, C. Huntley, L. Robb, E. Jonni, C. Ocochi. Seventh Row: J. Pryor, B. Sabrowski, S. Carpenter, C. Diostol, S. Zats, H. Peder, L. Nelson, M. Starr, T. Reinhart, S. Holmes, G. Torres, M. Bailey, K. Allen. Eighth Row: M. Judge, S. Arnold, J. Bravieri, A. Gurley, M. Lord, A. Ceriole, K. Evans, A. Bal, Mennenga, N. Kostavetis, M. Meyer, N. Sabuco, N. Claps.

alpha phi

*"I like the fact that
sisterhood was
emphasized." -Jodi
Stehman, senior in LAS*

STORY

by Alpha Phi

PAST AND PRESENT

THE BETA ALPHA chapter of Alpha

Phi was founded at the University of Illinois in 1922. Alpha Phis can be found throughout the United States, with over 140 chapters nationwide. The Alpha Phi symbol of the ivy leaf represents diverse interests and a strong bond of sisterhood. Our annual philanthropy, "King of Hearts," is a talent show for fraternity men which helps to raise money to further heart and lung disease research.

Members celebrate their sisterhood through laughter and support.



The Alpha Phi Exec Board at their house.

Alpha Phi in the '96 Mom's Day Sing.



Alpha Phi: K. Axe, E. Bavougain, J. Brewer, C. Connell, J. Daley, K. Felver, K. Fleming, D. Gleich, S. Goldman, K. Gomez, K. Harenza, E. Heine, B. Hubbard, C. Justin, A. Kesman, T. Lefler, M. Manning, L. McGivern, E. McGuire, M. Meyer, J. Mocek, J. Newman, A. Nommensen, D. Peabody, C. Rump, L. Samson, J. Stehman, C. Trela, A. Vogt, J. Warner, K. Zakrzewski, G. Zarcone, A. Acevedo, J. Augustine, J. Braun, D. Burrell, C. Caughey, D. Craven, C. Danko, C. Fallek, K. Fisher, P. Gallego, M. Gallagher, S. Ghalayini, J. Gleeson, C. Gomorzak, L. Grabowski, J. Grass, J. Harris, S. Halfield, M. Hunt, J. Huskey, G. Imier, K. Johnson, J. Johnston, K. Lesters, B. MacDonald, L. Marshall, A. McCarty, J. Moody, K. Moore, K. Ohrem, R. Ovcina, M. Panayotov, B. Pederson, J. Rymysza, M. Seljeseth, S. Sipes, K. Siron, M. Spagnuolo, D. Spratt, K. Stenbridge, L. Stengel, C. Tablis, A. Ton, J. Weiner, J. Williams, J. Woodward, L. Crossan, C. Deirates, E. Derango, S. Donio, J. Eters, L. Goulding, J. Heiney, S. Hoss, R. Kerouac, M. Knuckey, W. Lowenstein, H. McGowan, L. McGrath, K. Miller, A. Nickerson, L. Petraitis, J. Seibert, C. Slaymaker, H. Sparr, L. West, S. White, S. Wilczenski, L. Wylie, S. Ander, R. Boske, D. Brueck, K. Burgener, C. Butcher, J. Capito, C. Carpenter, C. Chang, M. Chipalla, K. Cowan, K. Curto, K. Davids, C. Davis, C. Divino, K. Edgecombe, A. Flaherty, K. Flahive, J. Fogel, S. Gomey, J. Greene, M. Hagen, T. Halvorson, L. Ippensen, E. Jacobsen, S. Jaranowski, C. Lehman, D. Leja, C. Lieberfield, L. Ligman, J. Mahan, J. Mailman, A. Meyers, J. Midkiff, M. Mullins, E. Naylor, V. Nichols, L. O'Donnell, L. O'Lena, K. Ostberg, C. Parzych, J. Richard, A. Schaefer, J. Staab, H. Stark, L. Tashjian, L. Ullrich, S. Webb, K. Wilde.

STORY

by Chi-Os

PAST AND PRESENT

Chi Omega

*"Sisters by chance,
friends by choice."*

-Triah Kretzer, senior in LAS

CHI OMEGA IS the largest women's sorority nationwide, encompassing over 175 chapters and more than 250,000 initiated members. Chi-Os were proud of

the diversity they brought to this campus through involvement in their many activities, which included Illini Pride, SAA, Illini Athletics, Illinettes, Student Ambassadors, Student Government Association, Volunteer Illini Recruiting, V.I.P. and various other organizations. In 1996, the Illini chapter was nationally recognized as one of the top Chi Omega chapters with an Achievement Award. They were also the sole recipients of a Rush Excellence award. Helping the community was a high priority for Chi Omega, which they did through their philanthropy. One of their events was "Chi Omega Read Aloud," a reading program for the blind and young children. The various activities and achievements that Chi Omegas took part in promoted student involvement and growth.



CHI OMEGA SENIORS: First Row: Chris Shukas, Nicole Grau, Susie Lee, Tiffany Laux, Sara Johnson, Kathy Tryba, Kim Weber, Jill Winter. Second Row: Heidi Havener, Keri Grode, Cathy McLaughlin, Kristi Ryan, Mynde Reiman, Lynn Brown.



Some Chi-O members hang out at Vicki Parrillo's apartment.



Tish Kretzer, Jen Blue and Julie Grisoland play cards at the Clybourne during an impromptu.



Members of Chi Omega take time for a human pyramid picture during an exchange with Delta Tau Delta.



Jennifer Tokarz, Jill Rhodes and Allison Cerny are all smiles while on spring break in South Padre Island.

Angie Grosboll, Kim Canfield, Lauren Hodges and Dana Janes enjoy an exchange with Delta Tau Delta.

STORY

by Alpha Sigma

PAST AND PRESENT

alpha Sigma Phi

"Chosen among friends to be brothers."

-Mike Slattery, sophomore in CBA

THIS PAST YEAR, Alpha Sigma Phi celebrated its sesquicentennial anniversary. As the fraternity looked back on its long history, the brothers looked forward into improving Greek life. In recent years, Alpha Sigma Phi rededicated itself to academics and serving the community. Over 100 members strong, many Alpha Sigma Phi members were involved in rugby, soccer and lacrosse, as well as ISG, student senate, day car and IFC. At the National Leadership Conference in St. Louis, the Illinois chapter received the Grand Senior President's Award, given every two years to chapters that have shown outstanding improvements in all areas of Greek life. The Illinois chapter was also recognized at last year's Greek Peer Assessment awards. This past year, Alpha Sigma Phi hosted Casino Night, which raised close to \$3000, and participated in Champaign's Adopt-a-Highway program. On a solemn note, brothers mourned the loss of Matt Tassio, who was killed in a bullfight in Spain during the summer of 1995.

Alpha Sigma Phi: First Row: Greg Costello, Paul Heckel, Kevin Nowack, Dave Poynton, Jeff Reichardt, Sean Broihier, Todd Papa, Curt Van Riper, Jon Reader, Matt Koenig. Second Row: Tim McLaughlin, Marty Koutsky, Noam Alon, Doug Godfrey, John Kaeding, Brian Bergquist, Zach Thomas, Rick Rutter, Josh O'Conner, Chris Natali, B.K. Bala. Third Row: Sean McCleavage, Matt Hart, Sulin Shah, Al Enrique, Tom Shukas, Dave Pachla, Ed Caveney, Kyle Wilson, Mike Loyson, Tim Rigsby. Fourth Row: Brendan Clough, Juan Cabrales, Adam Berga, Anup Shah, Eric Raasch, Jeff Kasalko, Mike Jasutis, Jason Diehl, Tim Harshbarger, Dave Ripley, Mike Slattery, Ryan Philo, James Veers, Mike Novak, Chuck Veers, Rick Lawrence. Fifth Row: Jim Gewargis, Jacob Jones, Jeff Vick, Derrick Kaiser, Dane Johnson, Troy Lively, Matt Frank, Edgar Jimenez, Jeff Smorynski, Ben Gabrielson, Steve Labahn, Lawrence Brown, Scott Havranek, Mark McClain, Dave Wagner, Brian Iep.



Adam Stines, B.K. Bala, Andy Calvert and Jim Gewargis show off the transportation for sisterhood serenades.



alpha tau omega

STORY

by ATO

PAST AND PRESENT

"ATO stresses that academics are most important, but we can also have a really good time."

-Allan Chan, junior in ALS

THE GAMMA ZETA chapter of Alpha Tau Omega is home to 137

undergraduates, making it the largest house on campus. The

majority were heavily involved in extra-curricular activities on campus. ATO had 23 varsity athletes and 35 members were on the Dean's List. Several vice presidents of IFC are ATOs, as well as the President of Illinois Student Government and UIUC Senate. The fraternity also had a GPA above all-men's average and all-fraternity average. This past fall, the IFC and Vice Chancellor Patricia Askew recognized the chapter for excellence in five categories. The Gamma Zeta chapter was chosen as one of the top five chapters nationwide. Alpha Tau Omega's social calendar included football block with Kappa Alpha Theta, exchanges with Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Kappa Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Delta Delta.



Alpha Tau Omega: First Row: John Vlahavas, Drew Raucci, Mark Philip, Scott Brakenridge, Francis Hollweck, David Yocks, Craig Carmichael, Greg Rose, Jason Hall, Tony Perkins, Jason Muncy, Mark Liyeos, Matt MacLean, Matt Fox, Jason Stanszyk, John Barrienes, John Moss, Jason Richmond, Ryan McPartlin. Second Row: Mark Drugan, Chris Carroll, Mark Werner, Greg Foster, Brad Foster, Tom Drugan, Quinn Carlson, Jim Guensler, Chris Moran, Carl Germann, Matt Zieba, Ganvin Sontag, Tyler Simpson, Brandon Peele, Dan Ryan, Matt Alepra, Patrick Jensen, John Nietchke, Shane Altergott, Jack Reynolds. Third Row: John Frank, Rob Saunders, Mike Connors, Dave Mickelson, Kieth Pozulp, Andrew Sharpee, Joel Werner, Tyler Sandberg, Jeremy Dulle, Josh Butkus, Jim Scheidhauer, Mike Heam, Ryan Potts, Trevor Holmes, Benji Larson, Brian Ruff, Jason Swedo, Mark Schumacher, Brad Foster. Fourth Row: Greg Olinek, Tom Alex, Jeff LaCrosse, Mike Mediana, Jon Spychalski, Scott, McNaughton, Ian Crelling, Brad Jacobsen, Matt Zwolinski, Matt Kramer, Nate Good, Jeff Piper. Fifth Row: Jon Nassus, Corey Kolberg, Nick Johnson, Jay Anderson, Matt Brittain, Mike Drai, Mark Zieba, Wade Glisson.

The Pledge Class of 2000 First Row: John Frank, Mike Drai, Scott McNaughton, Brad Jacobsen, Joe Farinella, Jay Anderson, Vic Demartino, Jesse Luoco. Second Row: Nate Good, Jason Swedo, John Nassus, Corey Kolberg, Jeff Piper, Mark Handerson, Brett Keller, Nick Johnson, Ian Crelling, Greg Olinek. Third Row: Pat Quirk, Wade Glisson, Mark Zieba, Brad Foster, Matt Brittain, Jerome Smith, Matt Kramer, Tom Alex, Mike Connor. Not Pictured: Glan Gunja, Eric Schnotala, Nick Spychalski.

STORY

delta Chi

by D Chia
**PAST
AND
PRESENT**

*"The guys have a
more unique
bond than other
houses."*

-Scott Volling, Senior in CBA

THE DELTA CHI Fraternity was founded on October 13, 1890, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. The men of Delta Chi strove

for success in academics. They ranked twelfth in academics, putting them well above the all-men's and all-fraternity men's GPAs. In addition, Delta Chi also excelled in intramural athletics. Many Delta Chis played on varsity sports teams including football, basketball, tennis, Illini hockey and lacrosse. Socially, they celebrated bid night with Kappa Alpha Theta, held football block with Kappa Delta and held exchanges with Chi Omega and Delta Gamma. They also hosted the largest party on campus, the Delta Chi Block Party, in which over 20 fraternities and sororities participated. Since its founding in 1923, the Illinois chapter of Delta Chi has become one of the strongest houses on campus, with nearly 100 active and associate members committed to improving themselves academically, athletically and socially.



Delta Chi: First Row: L. Lechuga, C.R. Rath, K. Hanouw, M. Lohmeier, T. Todd, C. Hren, S. Hendricks, M. Voigt, M. Schultz, P. Mazza, B. Wallace, P. Mikulski, M. Zibert, M. Manzuk. Second Row: L. Faivre, M. Fleming, A. Lazor, P. Chung, J. Jaegle, B. Gomez, D. O'Donahue, J. Egeland, A. Fox, J. Miller, R. Aguirre, R. Bannak, E. Odum. Third Row: P. Rundell, J. Myers, A. Chang, B. Burris, B. King, D. Johnson, A. Haefner, B. Boris-Blaisdell, R. Fortney, E. Bussell, T. Yoshikawa, C. Nelson, S. Stithem. Fourth Row: C. Ramey, B. Bertram, C. Crawford, J. Ewalt, J. Nell, R. Dykstra, J.J. Carter, R. Terry, J. Green, A. Gemeny, C. Kremitzki, B. Fredericks. Fifth Row: K. Aiston, D. Parker, M. Landwer, L. Christian, S. Volling, S. O'Kelly, O. Bailitz. Not Pictured: T. Alexander, B. Barth, K. Beckering, Ja. Bond, Je. Bond, M. Bumstine, M. Digate, A. Farber, C. Galvan, G. Green, J. Grzeskowiak, D. Harder, Z. Haycraft, B. Kauke, K. Kinnard, G. Koch, V. Krisciunas, D. Mirabilo, M. Ngo, J. Pellettiere, A.J. Prince, J. Rick, M. Riggio, C. Rink, B. Scheuplein, S. Shepley, J. Sisul, J. Sullivan, B. Swan, T. Walton, A. Wargo, M. Wesley, M. Wiersema, M. Wojtczak, L. Zehnder, E. Q. Kimball, A. Grimm, A. Simple.

Delta Chi Seniors: Paul Rundell, Craig Crawford, Sean O'Kelly, Darren Johnson, Mark Landwer, Jeff Green, Scott Volling, Ray Dykstra, J.J. Carter, Ryan Terry.

*"The bond
of
brotherhood
will never
dimolve."*

-Scott Ferry, junior in LAS

delta sigma phi

STORY

by Delta Sigma

PAST AND PRESENT

DELTA SIGMA PHI fraternity is

located at 110 E. Armory in
Champaign. Originally founded

at the College of the City of New York in 1899, the Alpha Alpha chapter was founded at the University of Illinois in 1919. Among their many philanthropy activities was the Adopt-A-School tutoring program at Urbana Middle School.

Athletically, they excelled in several different sports. They finished in second place at the 16-inch softball tournament. The highlight of the year was a visit from five Soviet ambassadors in September. While maintaining the 8th highest GPA on campus, they also enjoyed victory in each Battle of the Bartenders. They celebrated Carnation Ball in Memphis and Sailors Brawl last spring.



Delta Sigma Phi: First Row: Brian Guans, Jason Gentile, Sean Koegel, Timothy Olson, Robert Ryan, Christopher Schultz, Martin Graham, Ryan McGinnis, Timothy Gronholm, Jeffery Moirano, Ryan Golden, Ameer Ahmad. Second Row: Matthew Kromm, Edward, Kiernan, Daniel O'Brian, Robert McLane, Trace Schwartz, Michael Tomaszewski, Luke Cosme, Kenneth Bolda, Joseph Sendelbach, Daniel Fitzgerald, Daniel Farrell, Paul Williams. Third Row: Ali Hussein, Stephen Turza, Charles Roth, Jason Bittenbinder, Scott Ferry, Dennis Ryan, James Kearney, Terrence Ritzman, Anjay Nagpal, Gil Grant, Jeffery Scallion, Jason Sendelbach. Fourth Row: Brian Paine, John Siemieniec, David Kaeding, Timothy Ryan, Thomas Dobry, Patrick Meenan, Michael Sloan, Criss Chang, Benjamin Klauder, Joseph Ivacic.

Delta Sigma Phi Carnation Ball 1996 in St. Louis.

STORY

by Dee Gee

PAST AND PRESENT

delta Gamma

"The passion of friendship is so sweet, steady and loyal it will last a whole lifetime." -Johanna Cherny, junior in LAS

DELTA GAMMA WAS organized during the 1873 Christmas season at the Lewis School in Mississippi by three students unable to go home for the holidays. Delta Gamma's philanthropy was Aid to the Blind and Sight

Conservation. In order to raise money for the philanthropy, Dee Gee hosted Anchor Splash, a swim meet between fraternities and sororities. The anchor is the symbol of Delta Gamma. The one in front of the house is rented from the U.S. Navy for one dollar a year. Delta Gamma promoted leadership skills and received numerous excellence awards including the Most Outstanding Chapter Award. Their strong Dee Gee alumnae system provided alumnae means to remain active in the sorority and proved that Delta Gamma was a lifetime commitment. Delta Gamma educated its members on a variety of campus issues through its National Well Aware Program. New member transition to college life was made easier by guidance from older girls through the Captain Crew program.

Delta Gamma: First Row: M. Barrick, S. Fenaglio, M. Schermer, A. Zackary, C. Lindemann, A. McLaughlin, A. DeHaven, S. Franiak, L. Derry, N. Darien, E. Feder, S. Kim, E. Muller, L. Bagnall. Second Row: A. Angio, L. Unger, A. Turner, H. VanHoff, J. Lee, L. Powers, J. Bradshaw, A. Ludwig, M. Busboom, M. Rundia, A. Shaw, H. Miller, A. Van Meenen, J. Stump, H. Bausell. Third Row: M. Richardson, S. Watson, B. Roush, L. Tebbe, S. Campbell, K. Newell, K. Kollo, A. Cziko, L. Boughton, J. Maccari, R. Hawley, T. Naderi, T. Mendez. Fourth Row: D. Hurry, M. Sheehan, J. Martan, J. Cassel, J. Maccari, S. Abbey, K. Dunham, M. Jennings, M. Wiebmer, A. Twomey, T. Hennings, W. Garrot, N. Osterm. Fifth Row: J. Steffenburg, L. Benedict, A. Bjerkan, S. Paulsen, Carlborg, H. Briggs, A. Lewis, S. Millman, S. Garske, J. Hjertstedt, J. Locke, K. Mouser, A. Podhrasky, G. Sieks, K. O'Donnoghue, A. Kock, K. Paul, J. Morgan, M. Meana, J. Cherny, M. Kirch. Sixth Row: L. Orig, S. Delia, K. Carlson. Sixth Row: M. Lively, R. Williams, L. Dixon, M. Merz, A. Johnson, D. Napora, A. Popp, E. Czaczkowski, C. Lichner, K. Hillemeyer, K. Parsons, L. Krajecki, D. Bis. Seventh Row: K. Nunex, B. Pettijohn, M. Angio. Seventh Row: J. Hoobler, L. Seilheimer, T. Ekl, S. Holm, T. Garfield, J. Gabbert, T. Brenner, S. Flock, D. Schooley, T. Moore, J. Flynn, A. Long, T. Veluz, K. Hy.





Members of Delta Gamma pose for a picture at their annual brunch. Here new and old members unite before their meal.



Delta Gamma seniors pose on the front steps of Foellinger. All smiles, they reflect on the last four years.

At the Halloween exchange with Acacia, some members of Delta Gamma hang out.



Dee Gees gather to roller skate and to celebrate their new found sisterhood after initiation at their I-Party.



STORY

by *Gamma Phis*

PAST AND PRESENT

THE OMICRON CHAPTER of Gamma Phi Beta was founded at the University of Illinois on May 24, 1913. Since this time, Gamma

gamma Phi beta

"I've made the best friends of my life here and I know I'll have them forever."

-Chantelle Key, junior in ALS

Phi Beta has strived to maintain its objective to develop the highest type of womanhood through education, social life and service to the community. The sisters of Gamma Phi Beta were involved in several campus activities including Student Alumni Association, Illini Pride, Illinettes, club sports and several academic organizations. Each year, Gamma Phi Beta holds a golf tournament and various other fundraisers to benefit its international philanthropy, Camp Sechelt. Located in British Columbia, Camp Sechelt is a camp for underprivileged girls. Year after year, Gamma Phi Beta has prided itself on its diversity and promotes each woman's individual growth and development.

Gamma Phi Beta: First Row: M. Jablonski, E. Gerke, A. Hemdon, C. Kanive. Second Row: J. Cannata, T. Gurdak, J. Laubscher, H. Murdakes, K. Haney, S. Freeman, S. Korth, S. Zanocco, J. Fisher, C. Bauer, S. Polson, J. Cook, A. Anderson, K. Meller, A. Schultz, K. Hillmer, R. Nelson. Third Row: R. Annis, J. Bretz, J. Jeffries, M. Milewski, B. Bruer, D. Yonan, A. Miller, S. Cheng, M. Bolling, R. Tessin, B. Dodge, C. Begg, J. Fuss, J. Hanekamp, J. Tovrog, D. Wilczynski, G. Waller. Fourth Row: J. Catlin, S. Sobolewski, A. Jones, C. Glover, L. Lang, S. Hill, S. Winick, G. Blount, A. Korth, C. Gross, S. Hamilton, B. Han. Fifth Row: J. Ottenfeld, S. Henning, M. Goodman, S. Neahaus, K. Lechwar, S. Roberts, M. Beastall, K. Koch, K. Tracy, B. Young, J. Allen, K. Rampson, B. Pleiss, H. Ottenfeld, C. Caballin, A. Bernstein. Sixth Row: S. Fischer, K. Knight, E. Egidi, J. Brylka, K. Laurinaitis, B. Atterberry, A. Wamer, S. Didos, E. Kim, M. Phillips, K. Egly, T. Meier, K. Zimmicki, J. Clapper. Seventh Row: K. DeMello, K. Raynolds, C. Leiner, K. Gerstner, R. Nuirkiewicz, R. Tran, H. Huckstorf, U. Brockhurst, V. Alex, A. McGinnis, J. Ebert, J. Armstrong, N. Norton, R. Townsend, J. Winet. Eighth Row: K. Jochum, S. Brown, R. Costianis, A. Nunamaker, L. Nelson, S. Clase, K. Martin, L. Cerny, A. Nativi, S. Weber, C. Cunningham, A. Palmreuter. Ninth Row: K. Mulcahy, S. Poss, A. Wagner, K. Lundberg, M. LaPorta, B. Puccinni, M. Hodgson, T. Johns, A. Bornkamp, C. Crews. Tenth Row: G. Marti, C. Key, A. McDaniel, M. Matthys, J. Doughney, L. Lebo, L. Baker, J. Klein. Not Pictured: E. Johnson, K. Rhyne, L. Chambers, B. Batten, V. Fan, D. Boyks, W. DuClos, S. Strothoff, K. Peterson,



Seniors: First Row: B. Puccinni, K. Lundberg, L. Lebo, M. Hodgson, T. Johns, L. Chambers, J. Ottenfeld, K. DeMello. Second Row: A. McGinnis, J. Doughney, L. Carlson, T. Carlson, V. Fan, E. Johnson. Third Row: T. Perry, L. Cerny, K. Buckert, M. LaPorta, S. Brown, J. Clapper, T. Kenline, K. Peterson. Fourth Row: L. Nelson, A. Nunamaker, C. Crews, W. DuClos, S. Strothoff, J. Gilroy.



Gamma Phis at one of their impromptus.

Kappa Delta

STORY

by KDA
**PAST
AND
PRESENT**

*"I've met a group of diverse women who have become some of the best friends I've ever had." -Amy Etchelon,
sophomore in Nursing*

KAPPA DELTA WAS founded on October 23, 1897. This year marked the start of Kappa

Delta's year-long centennial celebration. Kappa Deltas took pride in everything they did, from involvement in campus activities like Student Alumni Association, Student Ambassadors, Illinettes and Student Government. Every March, Kappa Delta holds its annual Shamrock Project to raise funds for its philanthropy, the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse. Locally, Kappa Delta supported the Champaign County Crisis Nursery. Kappa Delta was a group of unique and diverse women, bound together by a circle of friendship.

Kappa Delta Seniors: Front Row: Renee Englen, Jennifer Lores, Tracy Gerry, Kimberly Kalseth, Jennifer Levin, Nicola Krohn, Jodi Kawada. Second Row: Elizabeth Brotherton, Teresa Halverson, Makiko Hattori, Melissa Curtis, Nicole Vavrik, Kari Iverson, Heather Oczak, Emily Kinneman, Stephanie Clayton. Third Row: Angela Paras, Kristen Abrahamson, Suzanne Martinez, Kimberly Pryor, Kimberly Randolph, Tiffany Pilewski, Vera Mandzukic, Kimberly Roegg.



Kappa Delta Executive Board Members: April Stevenson, Teresa Halverson, Elizabeth Brotherton, Angela Geppinger, Julie O'Donnel, Danielle Schmidt, Jennifer Hauman, Jaime Maasberg, Christine Logan and Laura Auer.



Jennifer Iskalis, Angela Paras, Tiffany Cull and Melissa Lang stop for a pose.

STORY

by Dee Zee

PAST AND PRESENT

delta zeta

"A lifetime is not too long to live as a friend." -Renee Robak, Senior in LAS

WITH 175 CHAPTERS in the United States and Canada, Delta Zeta has grown to be the largest national sorority. The Alpha Beta

chapter of Delta Zeta was founded at the University of Illinois in 1921. Delta Zeta's philanthropy was Galludet University, the only university dedicated entirely to the speech and hearing impaired. Delta Zeta's colors are old rose and vieux green; their flower is the Killarney Rose, and their symbol is the turtle. Delta Zeta's demonstrated leadership on campus by participating in numerous campus activities, ranging from Illinettes to ISG. This year, Delta Zeta welcomed 51 new members.



Delta Zeta Class of 1999: First Row: Tillie Bruss, Jill Crittenden, Kelly Ostling, Laura Voegtler, Melani Morales, Jeanne McCarthy, Heidi Waltenbaugh, Ann Kohlhaugen, Jessica Linderberg, Leigha Krastin. Second Row: Christi Drollinger, Allison Seger, Shannon O'Hare, Lynne Whitcomb, Vanessa McKillip, Kelee Williams, Mary Kichura, Kelly Rivard, Kristi Borger, Michelle Semerau, Melissa Bennet, Kristin Bauer, April Cochran.

Beth Hammes, Mandy Durkin, Katie McKenzie, Amanda Davis, Gina Byrd and Lauren Papp show off their sisterhood.



Phieffer, Glaser and Simmers are friends forever



delta UPSILON

STORY

by D U Ducks

PAST AND PRESENT

"Justice our foundation."

FOUNDED IN 1905, the Illinois chapter of Delta Upsilon is now one of over 120 chapters located in the United States and Canada.

*-John Houston,
junior in LAS*

Delta Upsilon was founded out of protest, standing firmly against the secret societies of the time. Their motto, "Justice Our Foundation," was found in the brotherhood at Delta Upsilon and was the underlying force guiding their actions and decisions as college men. This year, Delta Upsilon hosted their original Pancake Breakfast, celebrated bid night with the women of Kappa Kappa Gamma, enjoyed football block with Chi Omega and had functions with Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Delta Delta. Delta Upsilon was involved in intramural sports and strove for a third straight fraternity basketball championship. In addition, Delta Upsilon hosted a new philanthropy project, "Rent a DU," to help needy families and local organizations with home projects and chores.



Delta Upsilon: First Row: Brian Bone, Chad Fowler, Chris Yapp, Kevin Murphy, Jason Frederick, Brad Feinsmith, Ivica Vucic, Jim Kim, Steve Snow. Second Row: Emil Mokhtarian, Brett Hoovel, Ted Hebreard, John Houston, Eric Podlasek, Mike Rullkoetter, Brian Glecker, Brian Tinkham, Jeff Bash, Dave Senecyn, Scott Searcy, Tim Booker, Dan Creedon. Third Row: Brandon Welbourn, Beau Veihman, Matt Mishler, Jason Peckles, Brent Daubach, Kris Paul, Mark Koziol, Brian Buchar, Darin Frieling, Mike Olander, Ryan Hagg. Fourth Row: Tom Drennan, Mark Muchnick, Kevin Bessel, Mark Manderino, Ben Parisi, Bill Reker, Dave Stratman, Ryan Jones, Matt Sullivan, Jim Doan, Jason Thompson. Fifth Row: Juan Jiminez, Ted Vasquez, Justin Northrup, Jason Rogers, Steve Spargur, Rod Siders, Jason Raak, Jeff Lindenmeyer, Kyle Linenfelser, Chris Peterson. Not Pictured: Steve Hoff, Nader Zughayn, Kurt Asmussen, Kevin Bowling, Andy Douglas, Dave Simmons, Kevin Beers, Alvaro Reyes, Mark Reckamp, Todd Dejaynes, Tom Fiske, Todd Videbeck, Alex Kurzeder, Justin Merkys.



Brian Bone, Chris Yapp and Steve Snow pause to pose for a shot in last year's Dukes of Hazzard pledge dance.

U's and their dates go to the jungle for the Durassic Park pledge dance.

STORY

by Xi Phi

PAST AND PRESENT

delta Xi Phi

"Originally founded as 'women for the advancement of a multicultural society,' we have grown and come together for the same goal." -Yahora Chavez, junior in LAS

Delta Xi Phi is a social and service sorority that was unique in its multicultural diversity. Their nickname is Xi Phi; their colors are navy blue and maroon; their flower is the yellow rose, and their symbol is the white Bengal tiger. As a sorority, Delta Xi Phi participated in Nite Rides, Halloween Funfest, the VIP Blood Drive and their philanthropy Habitat for Humanity. Individually, Xi Phi volunteered at Roundhouse for Teens, the Crisis Nursery, Heritage Nursing Home and anywhere else their services and support were needed. Fundraisers helped to benefit causes like the Men's Emergency Shelter in Champaign. Their social calendar included a barndance, exchanges with Theta Delta Chi, a Halloween exchange with Zeta Upsilon and Phi Beta Chi, parties like "Get Reggaphied" and a spring formal. Delta Xi Phi is an exciting, young sorority that is growing every year.



Anonya Majumdar, Bridget Evans, and Cheryl Anne Guritz stop to pose on Founder's Day.



Delta Xi Phi: First Row: Becky Sajdak, Lena Kalladanthylil, Salina Rivera, Jessica Kolgerman, Yvette Presberry. Second Row: Julie Kerouac, Syreeta Burnett, Sirut Attaphitaya, Yahara Chavaz, Kersten Makda. Third Row: Hilda Arenas, Anonya Majumdar, Chela Spaargaren, Yvonne Alvarez, Cheryl Anne Guritz, Hanadi Abukheir, Alma Rivera, Terocita Gomez. Not Pictured: Bridget Evans, Adriana Garcia, Socorro Orozco, Corinna Crawford, Emily Crawford.

Becky, Jessica, Sirut, Adriana, Salina, Corinna and Emily pose for a group picture during the Delta Xi Phi-Theta Delta Chi exchange.

Farm-house

"A builder of men."

-Nathan Rosczyk, Senior in LAS

STORY

by Frames

PAST AND PRESENT

IN 1996-97, FARMHOUSE lived up to their motto of "Builder of Men." During the summer, several members attended the National

FarmHouse Conclave in Washington, D.C., where they met members from chapters across the country. Three FarmHouse men participated in study abroad programs, where they furthered their education while learning a different culture. The fall semester was a busy time with four exchanges, bid night, football block, barndance and Winter Formal. On campus, members were active in

Illini Pride, SAA, Student Ambassadors, SGA and Greek Week. In the community, they hosted a Haunted House and Christmas Party for the Don Moyer's Boys and Girls Club. Members also donated their time to the Adopt-A-School program and cleaned up Ogden, Illinois, after the town was hit by a tornado. They also enjoyed hosting dinners for faculty and picnics for their neighbors and members of the community. Socially, the men look forward to exchanges and Senior Dance. Members began to prepare for graduation with seminars on resume building and money management. The semester wrapped up with the annual Phonathon, as alumni donated money to the chapter for various projects to improve the house.



FarmHouse: First Row: Brain Deverman, Phillip Heisner, Aaron Bartlow, Roy Robinson, Bradley Krusa, Chad Hensley, Lyle Busboom, Thomas Conklin, Craig Sims, Benjamin Erickson. Second Row: Ted Mies, Aaron Wilken, Thomas Belton, Jeremy Edwards, Nathan Rosczyk, Joseph Springer, Joseph Webel, Todd West, Stephen Doyle, Chad Sager, Mark Garwood. Third Row: Eric Schlipf, Ryan Ackerman, Eric Johnson, Kyle Sulzberger, Ethan Hastert, Todd Maertens. Fourth Row: Mike Downey, Jared Dunseth, Jason Pigg, Jacob Frobish, Aaron Martin, Christopher Phipps, Mike Cole, Luke Sperry, Henry Klenke. Fifth Row: John Hill, Matthew Trask, Derrick Lorenzen, Nicholas Weber, Gregory Kniffin. Sixth Row: Jeffrey Nelson, Ryan Tate, Christopher Erickson, Steven Kramer, Andrew Jenks, Matthew Wolf, Douglas Hensley, Timothy Stock, David Grube, Allyn Buhrow. Seventh Row: Michael Shane, Jason Dunseth, Daniel Parker, Ryan Potts, Brian Rolf, Joseph Knuffman, Christopher Stortzum, Mathew Knight, Matthew Hennenfent.



Gary Sierens, Christopher Stortzum, Nathan Rosczyk, Mathew Knight and Christopher Litteken pose at Barndance.

Todd West, Chad Hensley and Ted Mies dress like blasts from the past at their Hippie Exchange.

STORY

by Thetas PAST AND PRESENT

*"Thetas
provide a
well-rounded
college
experience."*

*-Kim
Konsorger,
junior in ACES*

Kappa Alpha Theta

KAPPA ALPHA THETA was the first women's sorority known in the United States, and its Delta Chapter was the first sorority at the University of Illinois. They were proud to be one of three houses to accept an award for Most Outstanding Chapter from the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils. Thetas welcomed the pledge class 2000 and looked forward to their future accomplishments. In the fall, the Theta House Basketball Tournament raised money for their national philanthropy, Court Appointed Special Advocates. Before initiation, members spent a weekend together at Geo Williams College near Lake Geneva. In the spring, Thetas and Dee Gees played in the annual softball game. Men from Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Tau Omega coached the game. Because scholastics were also important, Thetas held a scholarship dinner which commended members for academic achievement.



Kappa Alpha Theta: First Row: C. Willis, J. Smulin, K. Collins, K. Smetana, N. Cicero, K. Zecca, S. Guenzler, E. Holper, S. Holper, L. Landenberger, S. Kim, J. Levy, M. Zilinski, J. Krause, K. Iv D. Tipton, C. McCallister, S. Nuhez, A. Youngquist, B. Patterson. Second Row: S. Trentman, E. Stanczyk, G. Omastak, R. Barrick, D. Taggart, L. Dvorachek, S. Vandortopp, J. Burchett, V. Str Murphy, B. Dorsey, B. Janus, N. Fawzy, E. Graham, H. O'Malley, J. Sorge, K. Mills, M. Rhee, J. Smith, N. Metropulos, A. Downey, L. Omastak, C. Pande. Third Row: S. Jaworski, C. Kiriluk, C. K. A. Kocalis, K. Anderson, J. Lempons, N. McTaggart, M. Geanuleas, D. Kropp, A. Hansen, E. Downey, J. Dolan, M. Crawford, T. Scibior, J. Gomey, C. Brandt, J. Washburn, A. Bava, S. Langelt Schonhoff, I. Swenhaugen, K. Hojple, J. Fabicon, A. Wilson, J. Romano, H. Howerton, S. Fall. Fourth Row: M. Ori, J. Mentel, J. Hardy, N. Buchannn, K. Penrson, L. McDonnld, L. Eaton, E. Ne K. Konsorger, J. Woods, V. Stone, M. Metzl, J. Caldwell, J. Riccardi, C. Makris, E. Stoffins, C. Brue, S. Hanley, S. Crutcher, H. Wlodok, A. Pitts. Fifth Row: E. Robinson, J. Nakayama, S. St Holbauer, M. Holper, A. Zanic, A. Knapp, J. Supan, J. Harroun, S. Frey, B. Richards, D. McClung, K. Rosser, K. Pommerenke, K. Corrado, K. Krueger, N. Brinkman, S. Schlagel, M. Hobin, M. P. Rinker, A. Lanning, A. Selitto, N. Durdon, C. Keough. Sixth Row: K. Parker, K. Clow, J. Myalls, J. Cannn, S. Martinez, S. Manning, V. Benig, A. Falese, C. Galkowski, K. Shen, B. Schifferdecl Fitzgibbons, A. Habbly, A. Kopec, S. Sanford, J. Smith, P. Lempons, C. Phillips, J. Ludwig, S. Moore, J. McBroom, P. Chavez, A. Hargraves, S. Mendez, J. Swearingor, D. Schultz.



Mary Fitzgibbons and Jen Mentel embrace sisterhood at Initiation.



Ana Zanic, Colleen Tulley, Jeanne Hofbauer and Dawn Wickizer embrace their sisterhood at Barndance.



New member Rebecca Barrick and her Big Sis Heather Wlodek celebrate Sisterhood Night together.



Kappa Alpha Theta Seniors: First Row: J. Mentel, K. Pommerenke, P. Lemperis, V. Benig, J. Ludwig, A. Falese, S. Manning, K. Parker. Second Row: J. Harroun, K. Rosser, M. Fitzgibbons, S. Frey, J. Swearingen. Third Row: C. Phillips, C. Gaikowski, B. Schifferdecker, J. Smith, D. Schultz, S. Moore. Fourth Row: P. Chavez, S. Martinez, J. Canna, K. Shea, A. Habbly, S. Sanford, A. Kopec, E. Robinson. Fifth Row: J. Myalls, K. Clow, S. Mendez, A. Hargraves. Not Pictured: L. Bykowski, D. Wickizer.

STORY

by Phi Mu

PAST AND PRESENT

"Our house is made up of diverse, independent women involved in many campus activities and who like to have fun."

Phi mu

PHI MU CELEBRATED its 75th year on the University of Illinois campus this fall. A part of this tradition was the annual tennis

tournament Phi Mu held in the spring which benefited their national philanthropy, The Children's Miracle Network. This was one of the activities which demonstrated how members of Phi Mu were leaders and participated in a variety of campus organizations. This year, Phi Mu enjoyed many social events including exchanges, bid night, formal, barndance and football block. The house also participated in informational workshops twice a month which increased awareness on fitness, safety and disabilities.

-Gail Chesley, sophomore in LAS



Phi Mu First Row: Kim Hammond, Lisa Ward, Nicolo Roichenoker, Katie Kok-Alblas, Colleen McDonough, Michele Hollywood, Sheri Mafec, Julie Ahrling, Morra McQuillan. Second Row: Kathy Bloemker, Amy Vonzon, Sanja Grohlich, Angie Travis, Kirsten Gerald, Karla Mursu, Tricia Jaminski, Tricia Rawlish, Sharon Rice, Ellen Bradford, Padma Krish. Third Row: Leah Horval, Joyce Cramer, Nancy Rockwood, Annette Pray, Marisa Chutipsakul, Alisa Bundt, Janice Casolari, Amy Gregg, Erin Hawker, Erin McGrath, Alison Landeck, Lori McNeal, Sara Thomson, Kate Seaman. Fourth Row: Linda Szilva, Lianne Ryan, Sarah Witek, Lauron Roczok, Candice Kwiecinski, Melissa Onstad, Erika Meyer, Sonia Gupta, Sophia Battle, Lea DelaPena, Heather Wae. Jen VanSwol, Nancy Anderson, Lora Follman, Gayle Chesley. Fifth Row: Jill Phillips, Olivia Bahadur, Shannon Janson, Jenni Doyle, Karon Pilchor, Jessica Hernandez, Loonor Vivanco, Jo Earnest, Androa Lechner, Jen Buescher, Jill Loone, Jon Koszyk, Beth Cram, Laura Rico, Jon Lockwood, Teri Rankin, Borit Hedger, Maggie Daly. Sixth Row: Shiela Carlin, Ann Porros, Kai Reid, Erika Matthews, Jennifer McAlister, Leigh Witt, Michelle Shang, Aveline Valvano, Catherine Ro, Jami Lubovich, Lisa Burgston, Laura Hassman, Michelle Volkert, Carrie Heape, Lin Tai, Sarah Rogers, Jennifer Yu, Tamela Riley, Amy Eisel, Lisa Shermulis. Seventh Row: Leslie Smith, Julianna Ross, Michelle Duosterhaus, Laura Barrows, Melissa Johnson, Jeanette Sock. Kate Roxas, Lauren Johnson, Christie Hertzog, Megan Kelley, Jennifer Scanlan, Carol Lim, Amanda Kirby, Katie Hoffman, Meghan McFarland, Kim Stachula, Jessica Akomann, Kathy Ebe. Vicki Jaffe, Amber Morgan, Sharon Nolle, Lynne Wenck, Irene Kondos, Emily Swanson.



Candice Kwiecinski, Melissa Onstad, Janice Casolari, Jessica Hernandez, Shannon Jansen and Olivia Bahadur show Leonor Vivanco how to surf in style.



Mara McQuillan, Megan Weidemier and Ellen Bradford playfully pose in a tree outside the house and extend a friendly welcome to Jen Williams and Candice Kwiecinski to their house on Sisterhood Night.



Heather Waak, Jill Phillips, Sophia Battle, Julia Homoly and Jen Williams strut their stuff at formal.



Angela Spaulding, Julie Ahrling, Lisa Kobilca and Beth Richards take time out from an exchange for a pose.

STORY

PI KAPPA ALPHA

by Pikes **PAST AND PRESENT**

"Being a member of Pikes is not only changing my life now but will for the rest of my life."

*-Paul Kaczmarczyk,
sophomore in ALS*

PI KAPPA ALPHA is a fraternity that excels in every aspect of Greek life. Known as Pikes, its

members share one quality: the never ending drive to be number one. Whether in the classroom or on the athletic field, Pi Kappa Alpha gives a commitment to excellence that has brought it success time and time again. Joining a fraternity is a once in a lifetime experience. That experience becomes even more extraordinary at Pi Kappa Alpha.

Members of the house keep up with tradition by posing in front of the Alma Mater outside of Altgeld Hall on Green and Wright Streets in Champaign. As a part of one of the largest greek campus' in the nation, Pi Kappa Alpha continues its tradition as one of U of I's strongest fraternities.





Four members show the strength of their bond as brothers, friends, and Pikes.

Members of the house take time out from the party and their dates to pose for a picture so they can remember the fun of formal, the bond of their brotherhood, and each other.

Activities including formal, impromptus, pledge dances, barndance, and philanthropies help members maintain and live up to the tradition of a strong social calendar within the Pi Kappa Alpha house.



The guys from the house smile with their gals at formal, showing what ladies men they really are. Each year, members of the house strengthen their ties with the sororities around campus by producing a Pi Kappa Alpha calendar which consists of pictures of sorority women from the U of I.

STORY

by Phi Sigs

PAST AND PRESENT

Phi

*"I rushed
Phi Sigma*

Sigma Kappa

*Kappa because I could be myself
here." -Brian Monticello,
freshman in Engineering*

The Alpha Deuteron chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa was founded on May 10, 1910, and its current house, located at 1004 S. Second

St., was built in 1926. The members supported the Matthews House for Underprivileged Children through their annual Malibu Beach Volleyball tournament. They have many active members on campus who are involved in a variety of activities, including Illini Cheerleading, Star Course, Volunteer Illini Projects, ROTC, IFC Executive Board, resident advisors and lacrosse. The Phi Sigs' colors are cardinal red and silver, and their house flowers are the red carnation and white tea rose.

Phi Sigma Kappa: First Row: Andrew Barnum, Inductor; Mitch Riley, Treasurer; Luke Stowe, Secretary; Brian Monticello, President; Michael Baughman, Vice-President; Shawn Hebert, House Manager. Second Row: Anthony Calabrese, Matt Mueller, Phil Russo, John Paul Demirdjian, Anthony Kramer, Ted Dodge, Javad Khazaeli. Third Row: Jon Espejo, Lou Cabrera, Nathan Fields, Eric Lewis. Fourth Row: Rick Szajkowski, Keith Semple, Tommy Reilly, Kyle Whittlinger, Vince Cheung. Fifth Row: Tim Moran, Joe Frasca, Rob Ross, Erik Pederson, Michael Geoghan, Ben Schrimpf, Tim Kapinus, Joe Jogmen, Michael Thompson, Anthony Frasca, George Casey. Not Pictured: Amar Parikh, Victor Fernandez, Tony Medaglia, John Seguin, Scott Seguin, Tom Wildman, Keith Broecker, Ryan Tabaka, Jeff Rydz.



Phi Sigma Kappa Seniors:

First Row: Mitch Riley, George Casey. Second Row: Anthony Frasca, Rick Szajkowski, Michael Thompson, Anthony Calabrese, Matt Mueller.



Phi Sigma Sigma STORY

"Phi Sigs has lots of

opportunity for leadership because of its reorganization process, and a lot of opportunity for friendship."

by Phi Sigs

PAST AND PRESENT

The Theta chapter of Phi Sigma Sigma was founded at the University of Illinois in 1923. The motto of Phi Sigma Sigma is "Aim

High," a phrase personified by their diverse group of women. The members were involved in many activities, ranging from the University of Illinois Symphony to the Panhellenic Executive Board. Phi Sigma Sigma's philanthropy was the National Kidney Foundation. Phi Sigma Sigma is located in the only intersection of the world where there is a Greek house in each corner. The colors of Phi Sigma Sigma are king blue and gold, and their flower is the American Beauty rose.



Phi Sigma Sigma: First Row: Nicone Keane, Jennifer Shubinski, Elizabeth Rogers, Danielle Alagna, Maria Segura, Christine Rendel. Second Row: Lynda Barrios, Jaime Cantonwine, Christine Filipowski, Terry Belt, Hye-Jin Kim, Jennifer Tarpey. Third Row: Tricia LoDestro, Vicki Szott, Heather Jordan, Jessica Diederich, Natalie Baznik, Demetria Davis, Michelle Gillespie. Fourth Row: Wenlan Cheng, Tressa Callaham, Jennifer Korb, Cheryl Leal, Leila Crawford, Eve Hughes. Fifth Row: Heather Adcock, Zephrairie Buetow, Valerie Hammond, Allison Cobb, Laura Wolf, Kristin Nevius, Kris Deutschmann, Laura Mack, Karen McGirr, Stephanie Forsee, Elizabeth Egel, Becky Linhart. Not Pictured: Nancy Bodene, Catherine Burns, Amber Busche, Stephanie Conte, Alex De Luna, Kim Eisenberg, Alexis Forman, Kristen Janicki, Christina Martinson, Moira O'Donnell, Desiree Phillips, Cynthia Salazar, Kara Vitek.



Phi Sigs get together outside their house. First Row: Zephrairie Buetow, Elizabeth Rogers, Tricia LoDestro, Valerie Hammond, Nicole Keane, Becky Linhart, Christine Rendel, Stephanie Forsee. Second Row: Jaime Cantonwine, Jessica Diederich, Jennifer Korb, Christine Filipowski, Tressa Callaham, Hye-Jin Kim, Karen McGirr, Laura Wolf. Third Row: Natalie Baznik, Demetria Davis, Heather Jordan, Heather Adcock, Danielle Alagna, Laura Mack. Fourth Row: Lynda Barrios, Allison Cobb, Vicki Szott, Wenlan Cheng, Cheryl Leal, Elizabeth Egel, Kristin Nevius, Kris Deutschmann, Terry Belt, Maria Segura, Jennifer Tarpey, Leila Crawford, Jennifer Shubinski, Alex De Luna.

STORY

by Psi U's PAST AND PRESENT

PSI UPSILON

"What is special about our house is the strength and character of each brother, which at times can make things difficult, but in the end is worth it."

-Wil Haning, junior in FAA

THE GENTLEMEN OF Psi Upsilon enjoyed another successful school year in '96-97. Enthusiastic effort

and strong alumni support continued to drive the house forward. The alumni, in an effort to prepare for the 75th anniversary of the curved house, raised funds that will eventually bring the house into the twenty-first century. A young executive board has brought some fresh viewpoints and ideas to add to the age-old traditions of Psi Upsilon. All of this made Psi Upsilon an exciting place to live throughout the year. Visitors were welcome to stop by and experience the excitement for themselves.

Psi U's class of 1999 pose for a group shot last fall at bid night with 4-H.



Psi Upsilon: Front Row: Mike Han, Matt Mattilla, Garth Wernmer, Mitzi Heniff, Jeff Wierer, Dave Youngdahl. Second Row: Mark Christian, John Parashos, Mike Orsi, Jim Touzios, Sean Aquino, Clinton Chow, Art Kolzow. Third Row: Jeff Watt, Kit Stricker, Tony Calabrese, Andrew Britton, Will Haning, Andrew Haning, Rob Barnes, Ben Koczur. Fourth Row: Mike Crawley, Mark Tallongan, Adam Boydo, Wes Tomczyk, Kevin Brooks, Tom Fox, Andy Kovacevich, Cam Kennedy, Scott MacGregor.



Jim Touzios and Demetri Georgakopoulos enjoy the annual Psi U canoe trip.

Sigma delta tau

*"My affiliation
with SDTΛ has
provided
me with
everlasting
friendship."
-Kim Prywes,
junior in FAA*

STORY

by SDTΛ
**PAST
AND
PRESENT**

THE WOMEN OF Sigma Delta Tau prided themselves on the unique sisterhood they shared. Through a variety of events, an immediate

bond was formed among members. Sigma Delta Tau achieved one of the highest GPAs on campus and had an exciting social calendar filled with exchanges, dances and impromptus. The women of Sigma Delta Tau enjoyed diversity and leadership through campus wide activities and community service, including ISG and volunteering at women's shelters. Sigma Delta Tau's local philanthropy raised money in the fight against leukemia, and their national philanthropy was child abuse awareness. Recent achievements on campus included winning Greek Week two out of the last three years and being acknowledged as one of five outstanding chapters at the Greek Awards program.



Sigma Delta Tau Seniors: First Row: Stefanie Langer, Anna Steinberg, Rebecca Rivita, Debra Samuels, Samantha Cohen, Laura Heller. Second Row: Stefanie Lessis, Melissa Singer, House Mom Janet Scheurich, Jasmin Epstein, Alison Shapiro, Regina Shekhtman, Rebecca Levy. Third Row: Leslie Merbaum, Beth Chudnow, Kristie Vanikos, Jamie Kron, Nicole Ruttkay, Alison Kite. Fourth Row: Michelle Levy, Jennifer Lessman, Shelby Dorfman, Ilyse Epstein, Marissa Dubey, Dani Pearlman. Not Pictured: Kathyryn Bernero, Francine Keller, Jillian Randall, Bryna Roth, Megan Roth, Melissa Zeidman.



The women of Sigma Delta Tau gather around their new member class of 2000 for a picture on Sisterhood Night.



Anat Steinberg, Bryna Roth, Alison Shapiro, Katie Bernero, Beth Chudnow, Regina Shekhtman, Anna Roth and Jasmin Epstein dress up for a Halloween exchange.

STORY

Sigma Chi

by Sigma PAST AND PRESENT

*"I joined this house to meet
new people and experience
fraternity*

life. What I found was

a brotherhood that will last a lifetime."

-Greg McGrath, Senior in Engineering

SIGMA CHI WAS founded in 1855

at Miami of Ohio University. The

Illinois Kappa Kappa Chapter was

established in 1881. Their chapter

house is the second oldest building on campus and was acquired in 1909, and has been inhabited since 1911. Along with being an extremely active chapter on campus,

Sigma Chi has hosted their philanthropy, Derby Days, since 1933. The Children's Miracle Network was the sole beneficiary of their efforts. Last year, their chapter

house was completely remodeled, representing a \$1.8 million improvement. The

Kappa Kappa Chapter presently has six military brothers, twelve varsity and club sports members, 14 brothers on the Dean's List, ten 5.0 scholars, and many brothers involved on campus ranging from IC officers to Chi Epsilon and Delta Sigma Pi professional fraternities. The Kappa Kappa Chapter was 1200 brothers strong.



Sigma Chi: B. Schoech, B. Burt, M. Fischer, G. McGrath, T. Polivka, T. Cilmora, G. Winn, G. Hodge, R. Gough, M. Boxle, A. Patras, T. Chumura, D. Olson, J. Peletiere, M. Mulligan, H. Dodson, D. Pacaco, Gvazdinskas, T. Hausor, S. Schutte, K. Turk, R. Dauphinais, A. Denja, T. Vivardelli, R. Novak, T. Sheridan, D. Blissone, T. Elliot, C. Rueter, J. Schofield, M. Mulay, N. Mondrus, B. Parr, T. Kemp, J. Lind, M. Babi, Nudera, J. Guerin, B. Thiede, D. Kroger, J. Tyne, M. Kurkowski, T. Calinog, N. Frank, B. Gustauson, W. Hennig, J. Kilson, R. Sumatt, B. Szafranski, J. Galbreath, A. Vogel, C. Tulley, T. Schaudt, M. Huniman, J. P. Lynch, A. Stewart, M. Soden, J. Minott, B. Major, J. Borsky, T. Klehr, J. Gleason, J. Jeka, B. Nelsweinder, R. Stephen, T. Grant, M. Thompson, C. Weinke, A. Mason, J. Rossi, I. Gall, D. Jaramallo, M. Prinz.

**"Fraternity of engineers, architects
and scientists." -David Craney,
junior in Engineering**

STORY

triangle

**by Triangle
PAST
AND
PRESENT**

THE ILLINOIS CHAPTER of Triangle

Fraternity was founded in 1907 and is the founding chapter of a national fraternity of engineering, architecture and science students.

Members of Triangle prided themselves for their balance between social participation and academic performance. Numerous social

events were held throughout the year, the most infamous being Swampwater, the Founder's Day celebration in April that attracted thousands of people.

Other parties hosted by Triangle include the 13th Annual Bermuda Triangle, a

Homecoming bash, and a distinguished Champaign Party held each semester. Triangle was concerned with community involvement and its members participated in a multitude of philanthropic events throughout the year.



Triangle: First Row: Craig Bova, Perry Cojuangco, Rob Speek, Chris Rorvick, Matt Groch, Ward Hand, Ryan Shoff, Sean Schick. Second Row: Ken Gagliano, Mike Enblad, Jason Mills, Dave Craney, Rob Young, Rhett Starr, Jon Aharrh, Carl Johnson, Jeff Novak, Steve Zuiker, Rich Davey, Bruce Argueta, John Riechart, Mike Steffes, Romy Heidemann, Cary Lee, Jason Czapka, Scott Von Bokel. Third Row: Mark Polis, Matt Sztelle, Kevin Phillippi, Manny Picciola, Matt Stiak, Tom Edwards, Kevin Money, Jim Smith, Thai Somkul, Mike Kantowski, Matt McCain, Eric Han, Matt Holden, Dan Anderson, Jason Nemeth, Mark Linton, Joe Harmon, Greg Opaczewski.



John Hackbart, Mike Scelsi, Mike Steffes, Imran Mohammed, and Jeff Novak, members of the Risemen class, pose at Triangle's Spring 1996 Formal.

STORY

by Delta Phi

fraternity named Iris. Delta Phi has occupied its house at 1008 S. Fourth Street since it was built in 1925. As one of the smaller houses on campus, the members of Delta Phi maintained a strong brotherhood. Delta Phi's annual philanthropies included a haunted house for underprivileged children and a blood drive, both conducted at the chapter house.

Delta Phi: First Row: Shane Markin, Brett Polich, Ken Schwartz, Jason Etheridge, Brian Lecuyer. Second Row: Bill Seylier, Jeff Nietzsche, Dave Browning, Chris Moomey, Adam Behnke. Third Row: Jamie Putnam, Glen Nelson, Jon Jewell, Gary Waliczek. Fourth Row: Joel Stevenson, Brian Carlson Jason White.



Delta Phi

DELTA PHI WAS founded in 1827 at Union College in Schenectady, New York. The Tau Chapter at the University of Illinois was founded in 1920, out of a local

STORY

by Delta Sigma Theta

Delta Sigma Theta: First Row: Nicole Williams, Awet Gebrehiwet, Tami Blair, Misty Thompson, Lynn Schuetz. Second Row: Suzanne Beauvoir, Danielle Smith, Tracy Mitchell, Michelle Muller, Kiesha Graves, Kandra Daniels, Kelley McKeever, Rene Murray, Chandra Gill. Not Pictured: Lona Bibbs, Laura Kakoma, Ane Kidd, Gianina Martin.

Delta Sigma Theta

DELTA SIGMA THETA Sorority Inc. has historically been composed of African-American women pursuing a college degree

The members of Delta Sigma Theta were dedicated to community service, scholarship and sisterhood. Their colors are crimson and cream, and their flower is the African violet.



Delta Tau Delta

STORY

DELTA TAU DELTA INTERNATIONAL Fraternity was the University of Illinois' oldest continuously active Greek organization.

by Delta

Established here in 1872, Delta Tau Delta helped lead the way at U of I to what is now one of the largest Greek systems in North America. The Illinois chapter consisted of over 90 members and pledges, and continued to grow and thrive. They maintained a healthy and active social schedule while upholding the high academic standards necessary to excel at the University of Illinois.



Delta Tau Delta: First Row: Brian Berger, Brian Ellis, Jeff Ballard, Ryan Robinson, Andrew Hull, Michael Van Ham, Pete Zielinski. Second Row: John Pesce, Eric Bullerman, Derek Huyser, Saumil Sheth, Brandon Rogalski, Michael Estes, Andrew Wells, Michael Delgado, Eric Shutte, Wayne Cuchna, Justin Teckenbrock, Taj Jefferson, Vandan Parikh. Third Row: Thomas Ehmann, Edward Frosberg, Jason Paul, Benjamin Windle, Ryan Kieser, Sean Loftis, Chad Rawleigh, Cortney Nehls, William Sullivan, Thomas Hackett, Brett Renaud, Mark Speyer, Matt Wilson, William Debb.

Kappa Delta Rho

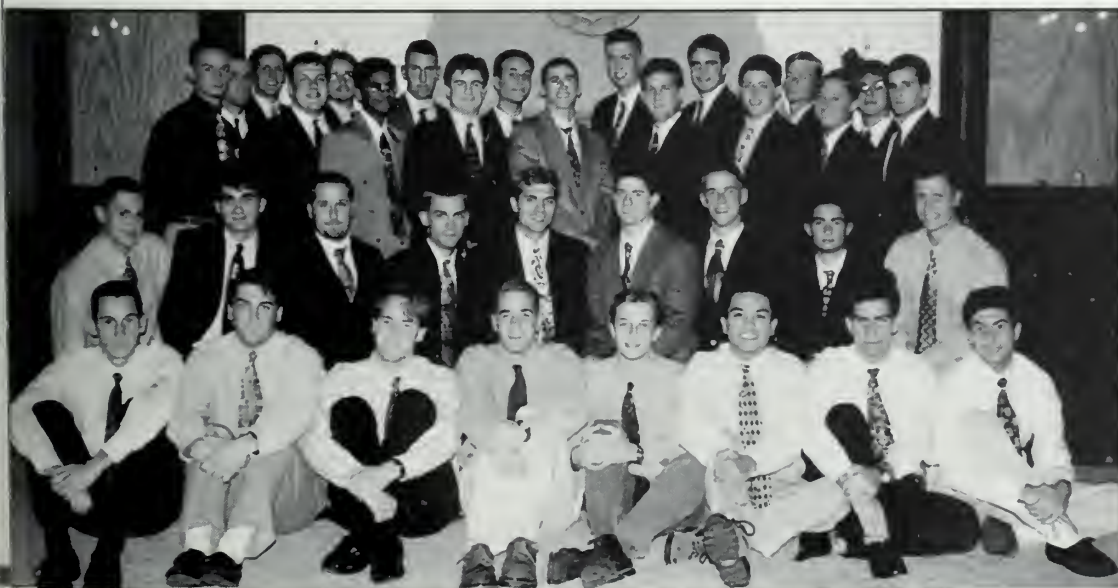
STORY

KAPPA DELTA RHO is first and foremost a social fraternity. Rechartered on the University of Illinois campus in 1994, its

purpose is to unify men

with a common goal. That goal was to produce men who conformed to the chapter motto, Honor Super Omnia, which means Honor Before All Things. Their annual events raised money for their national philanthropy, The National Institute for Blood Disease Research in Children.

by Kappa Delta Rho



Kappa Delta Rho: First Row: Robert Klein, Ken Chenoweth, Geoff Stowell, James Cameron, Dan Jaworski, Brian Althoff, Ryan Hall, Alex Heibredner. Second Row: David Johnson, Kristian Schafernak, J. Maggio, Andy Gogerty, Norm Murrin, Andy Bessette, Doug Bober, Martin Landauer, Mike McGinnis. Third Row: Ed O'Dwyer, Mark Faulkner, Chris Jahn, Adam Melton, Scott Meister, Darshan Patel, Mike Maloney, Andy Anaya, James Love, Adam Roberts, Matt Erickson, Joe Stefanski, Scott Burns, Kevin Such, Sean McDonald, John Klien, Chris Hickersonberger, Mike Cabage. Not Pictured: Kevin Beth, Sam Taylor, Chris Kreps, Ben Wood, Shobhan Thakkar, Brian Vladovich.

STORY

PI beta Phi

by Pi Phis

PAST AND PRESENT

"At first I wasn't sure about rushing, but now that I've lived in the house, I've learned to appreciate living in a sorority and all it has to offer." -Dawn Markos, senior in LAS

PI BETA PHI celebrated their 102nd anniversary at the U of I in April of this year. The event was celebrated by inviting all Pi Phi alumni to come back to the chapter for a formal brunch. Pi Phis made a pledge to continue their strong involvement in their national philanthropy, Arrow Games, which consisted of four events: tug-of-war, 3-on-3 basketball, volleyball and flag football. All the fraternities on campus, as well as any other group of men who expressed an interest, were invited to participate. The women of Pi Beta Phi were coaches for each of the participating teams. All of the money raised went to Links to Literacy and Arrowmont. Links to Literacy helped local literacy efforts, and Arrowmont is an arts and crafts school entirely funded by Pi Phis. Pi Beta Phi also focused on increasing social awareness by holding a nutrition and body image awareness day. Pi Phis were successful in many intramurals throughout the year, and won the intramural soccer title.



Kelli Smith, Emily Beckman and Ali Martinez pose with their Little Sises Annrena Dvaro, Nikki Horn and Trina Ragain. Big Sises are older members who are around to help new members with any problems they might have.



ster Ferguson, Heather Chapman, Tricia McGill, and Jaime Hecimovich pose for a photo on Sisterhood Night. This is an event where the new pledge class gets a chance to meet all of the active members.

Enjoying a night out, Melanie Sehy, Jen West, Missy West and Kate Hudson unwind with friends.



Kim Wiley, Jen Gilomen, Sarah Bishop, Suzy Ozley, Eva Rink and Jessica Pursley celebrate the initiation of the 1999 pledge class by attending an initiation celebration.



Members of the 1999 pledge class enjoy Pi Phi's annual Holiday Party. First Row: Kristen Weber, Julie Cruitt, Sharilee Kempa, Kristen Finn, Jill Whitlow. Second Row: Cara Miller, Jeanette McLaughlin, Darcy Schindler, Alison Veit, Michelle DuBois, Esther Ferguson. Third Row: Colleen Kula, Kim Lasky, Natalie Long.

STORY

by Pi Lambda

PAST AND PRESENT

Pi Lambda Phi

*"Our motto is, It's not four years,
it's a lifetime."*

*-Max Ferencz, sophomore
in CBA*

PI LAMBDA PHI fraternity was one of the most well-rounded fraternities on campus. The men of Pi Lambda Phi have had the highest GPA of all the fraternities in thirteen of the last fifteen semesters. Pi Lambda Phi was also active socially and in the community. It enjoyed intramural success over the past year, reaching the elite eight in basketball and football, as well as winning the Frat Orange Softball Championship. Pi Lambda Phi, paired with Gamma Phi Beta, received first place in the Atius Mom's Day Sing.



Pi Lambda Phi: First Row: Steve Fialko, Mike Young, Jason Kleinman, Brad Bartlett, Jeremy Merten, Motti Pikelny, Randy Calisoff. Second Row: Bob Abrams, Jared Cohen, Steve Koltun, Aaron Kaplan, Sam Loff, Adam Hearn, Brian Cohen, Jeremy Seaver, John Bzdusek, Stu Vass. Third Row: Scott Catlett, Andy Goldman, Josh Kotula, Eric Benvenisto, Mike Rosenstein, Andy Laytin, Jonas Seigel, Avi Yulish, Scott Smith. Fourth Row: Seth Bender, Brad Greenberg, David Smiley, Joel Shamos, Ryan Witcher. Fifth Row: Sean Abrams, Ryan O'Desky, Jeff Perlstein, Tom Jasica, Justin Cohen, Josh Wallach, Mark Langer, Brian Reuter

Phi Gamma Delta

"You don't have to be a Fiji to succeed, but it

helps." -Jeff Chiu, junior in Engineering

STORY

by Fijis

PAST AND PRESENT

FOUNDED IN 1897, the Chi Iota chapter of Phi Gamma Delta is one of the oldest fraternities at the university. The five values

that unite all brothers of Phi Gamma Delta are: Friendship, Knowledge, Service, Morality and Excellence. They saw friendship and brotherhood as one of the most important and valuable aspects of Phi Gamma Delta. They also emphasized the importance of maintaining scholarship. This year they also re-evaluated their commitment to social service and began to foster a relationship with the Cunningham Children's Home, scheduling several events to help them in their mission to help abused and neglected children. The men of Phi Gamma Delta were committed to excel in all endeavors which they undertook. Fijis plan to continue to commit to their values in the future in order to adapt their fraternity to the changing role that it will play in the lives of its present and future members.



Phi Gamma Delta:
Front Row: Jack Lin, Joe Fitzgerald, J.P. Montalvo. Second Row: Mike Suwan, Tim Dellinger, Jack Lin, Todd Bergling, Steve Attig, Mike Hirniak, Jason Lee. Third Row: Tom Lombardo, Peter Svach, Ryan Osgood, Todd Gocken, Charles Campo, Greg Dorner, Jeff Chiu.



Phi Gamma Delta Seniors: First Row: Tim Dellinger, Peter Svach. Second Row: Mike Kim, Steve Attig, Ryan Osgood, Todd Gocken, Greg Dorner, Jason Lee.

STORY

by Sig Kaps

PAST AND PRESENT

Sigma Kappa

"In our sorority, members find the resources they need to be their best."

Shelley Friesz, Senior in LAS

1996 IS THE 90th anniversary of the University of Illinois Theta Chapter of Sigma Kappa. For this special event, Sig Kaps invited back their alumnae and hosted a Birthday Banquet and Dance. They were proud of the

commitment that Theta Chapter has made to the U of I and to their National Sorority. The philanthropies included gerontology, Maine Sea Coast Mission, Inherit the Earth and Alzheimer's disease. Every year, Sig Kaps sell lollipops on the Quad to support Alzheimer's research during our Week of Giving. In addition, Sigma Kappa's members were leaders and participants of a large variety of different organizations and honors on campus. Academically, they were stressed in their chapter with the Theta Library, study rooms and computer lab. They educated their members in other areas during awareness programs held at the house every other week. Sig Kaps also had many exchanges and social events including Grinch Party and Flamin' Mamie, a '20s dance that was unique to their chapter. They believe, "For more than a century, Sigma Kappa Sorority has united women in lifelong friendship, creating a sisterhood that has encompassed thousands across generations and around the world. Though each sister's face and every dream and goal is unique, the strength of our Sorority lies not in our differences, but in our bond."



Sigma Kappa: First Row: J. Kaminecki, P. Gomez, J. Rice. Second Row: T. Robinson, J. Grena, S. Friesz, N. Janowiak, R. Nessinger, J. Pazderski, M. Gupta, J. Fox, D. Stadler, T. Ekstrom, M. Rivkin, S. Elin, T. VanCraenenbroeck. Third Row: J. Dockins, D. Matulis, S. Harvey, A. Stumpe, J. Swikle, L. Pruitt, S. Graves, J. VanCraenenbroeck. Fourth Row: S. Sangid, J. Kennedy, T. Lehman, S. Chu, A. O'Connell, Koch, C. Grapenthien. Fifth Row: T. Weicherding, A. Studinski, J. Obail, K. Lang, K. Kasperski, M. Bresleff, K. Kolesoski, J. March, S. Rexroat, J. Cox. Sixth Row: C. Dollman, A. Stollhem, L. Kim, N. Camarillo, B. Durkin, A. Chang, L. Dasprzak, J. McNich, D. Stables, A. Pontarelli, V. Singharuksa, S. Smiley. Seventh Row: H. Kuhn, H. Smith, K. O'Connell, H. Numberg, S. Lash, B. Karchmar, J. Vukas, J. Ver. K. Lendman, J. Wrzesinski. Eighth Row: A. Rahn, K. Tapscott, A. Schnelder, J. Hawkins, R. Wuttke, D. Roberts, A. Kehoe, Beth Schierer, J. VanWinkle, E. Shore, M. Kang, A. Labowicz, B. Pontarelli, J. Sher. A. Daman.



Sigma Kappa Seniors: First Row: Darci Stadler, Joanne Pazderski, Mitun Gupta, Shelley Friezsz. Second Row: Tari Weicherding, Alicia Studinski, Kara Webb, Kelly Stamm, Jenny Morrell. Third Row: Julie Grena, Teresa Robinson, Jen Cox, Jen Fox, Nancy Janowiak, Sara Rexroat, Jennifer Obalil, Tara Ekstrom, Sarah Ellington, Jen Rice.



The new members clown around at their pledge retreat to Allerton Park. First Row: Steph Nance, Beth Schierer, Dawn Robers, Lisa Schmidt, Becky Karchmar, Heidi Nurnberg. Second Row: Mimi Kang, Alison Kehoe, Regan Wuttke, Melissa Duffey, Beth Durkin. Third Row: Kristina Tapscott, Dori Stables, Vanessa Singharuksa, Heather Kuhn.



Members of Sigma Kappa pre-party before their Spring Champagne Formal.

Colli Smith and Jackie Vukas pose at initiation party.

Beth Durkin, Katie O'Connell and Alison Kehoe enjoy themselves at Sigma Kappa's Spring Champagne Formal.



STORY

by Phi Delta

PAST AND PRESENT

ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED IN 1848 at Miami of Ohio, Phi Delta Theta is now the largest international social fraternity. In 1893, Phi Delta

*"Friendship,
learning,
rectitude."
-Phil Holler,
junior in LAS*

Phi delta theta

Theta began a tradition of excellence and pledging outstanding men at the University of Illinois. Our Illinois Eta chapter has over one-hundred active members on campus which allows us to excel socially, athletically and academically. Phi Delta Theta also performs numerous philanthropic activities. The University of Illinois chapter of Phi Delta Theta is also very fortunate to have active alumni who provided generous contributions for the recent renovation of our chapter house.

Phi Delts enjoy their 1996 formal in Galena, IL.

Phi Delta Theta: First Row: Brian Halstead, Andrew Vrabel, Tim Danneegger, Paul Justice, Phil Holler. Second Row: Greg Doll, Matt Roussin, Jeremy Meek, Ryan Borho, Brett Hochmuth, Kevin Coleman. Third Row: Brian Corry, Eric Dörner, Chris Ryzewski, Tom Nelson. Fourth Row: Scott Hartman, Adam Daley, Matt Pagoria, Lou Guerrini, Matt Beverly, Ryan Kommers, Jim Connors. Fifth Row: Kenny Gerlach, Chris Warner, Mike Gasparro, Mike Glick, Brian Dooley, Brian Kuchnicki, Chris Kolter, Jim Dimmick, Ben Bromiel, Jeff Paris. Sixth Row: Mark Doherty, Derek Fraley, Craig Smaha, Jon Krittenbrink, Chris Bailey, Chad Ballard, Matt Leli, Nate Anthony.



Mike Hogan, Greg Richart, Fim Connors, James Orr and Matt Pagoria celebrate St. Patrick's Day at an exchange.



Sigma tau gamma

"Men of substance."

*-Jon Jennings,
sophomore in FAA*

STORY

by Sig Taus

PAST AND PRESENT

THE SIGMA TAU Gamma fraternity was founded on June 28, 1920, by 17 friends who fought together during World War I. It was founded upon the principles of value, learning, leadership, excellence, benefit, and integrity. The Alpha Chi chapter was founded at the U of I on May 5, 1953. Sig Taus were involved in many activities on campus. Along with Delta Zeta sorority, Sig Taus placed third overall and won first for Best Script in the 1996 Atius-Sachem Mom's Day Sing.



Sigma Tau Gamma: First row: Ken Liu, Brian Napoleon, Matt Thal, Alyx Parker, Scott Woods, Andy Flessner, Scott Holze, Mark Garrett. Second row: Jason Harms, Rob Abrams, Jason Jacobsen, Andrew Silverstein, Joe Tucker, Jeff Weiner, Brad Bilotta, Mike Sudduth, Rey Rosa, Julie Calhoun, Brent Johnson, Jon Jennings, Clayton Patterson, Mike Drolick, Joe Ansenberger, Brian Lopez, Chris Kuebrich, Ryan Ott, Chad Sullivan. Third row: Ron Warfel, Chris Diaz, Jeremy Hemann, Kevin Brownell, Josh Waldenmyer, Scott Kasper. Not pictured: Tom Saenz, David Cocagne, Tony Comerio, James Urbaniec, Keith Hayes, Scott Zeller, Jeff Barta, Matt Trummel, Rob Walter, Jeremy Ropp, Dilip Trivedi, Aaron Boze, Bill O'Connor.



Sig Taus and their dates enjoy the annual White Rose Formal.

Each semester, the pledge class throws a theme party.



STORY

by Tερλ
PAST
AND
PRESENT

Tau EPSILON Phi

"Tερλ are topλ!"
-Ryan Seiple,
λophomore in ACES

TAU EPSILON PHI fraternity has been active on the University of Illinois campus for over 75 years. Throughout that time, they have succeeded on the ideals of friendship, chivalry and service. Tau Epsilon Phi continued to be active scholastically, socially, athletically and through community service. Tau Epsilon Phi was first and foremost a brotherhood, creating solid friendships which will last a lifetime. Both active members and extensive alumni provided a support system during college and beyond. Teps also placed great emphasis on scholastics. Their GPA was in the top ten among all fraternities. Tau Epsilon Phi consistently fielded teams in intramural sports. Recently, they won championships in softball, co-rec softball and soccer. Teps were also active in the community. They organized philanthropy events to raise money for local charities and sponsored a Christmas party for needy children from the local shelter.



Tau Epsilon Phi: First Row: D. Barta, B. Laova, S. Koobl, J. Leo, C. Tutor, B. Rodriguez, A. Roxas, R. Pickens, O. Montos. Second Row: M. Jordan, R. Wiitanen, A. Wellington, T. Fisher, J. Wag W. Gonzales, C. Chen, T. Swikart. Thnd Row: M. Cabrera, G. Cunningham, M. Butkus, R. Seiple, M. Mortimer, C. Wendle, M. Jodlowski, Y. Yi. Fourth Row: M. Vladika, J. Engelhardt, S. Kenn B. Bresnick, J. Enright, P. Smith, M. Odling, A. Link, J. Wrzesinski. Fifth Row: B. Haugh, R. Woreski, J. Vladika, C. DuPuis, T. Wright, W. Richardson, C. Crockett, F. Bahona, R. Rybarczyk



Tau Epsilon Phi Seniors: First Row: Regan Rybarczyk, Tim Fisher, Joe Lee, Jason Wagner. Second Row: Tim Wright, Aaron Wellington, Aaron Link, Warner Richardson, Justin Wrzesinski.

Some members of Teps gather in the doorway for a picture during the Bon Voyage exchange with Phi Mu. Many people joined a fraternity because of the social gatherings they are able to be part of.



Bootherhood can sometimes be messy. Here some members of Tau Epsilon Phi smile for the camera at their Graffiti Exchange with Alpha Epsilon Phi.



The men of Tau Epsilon Phi leave their dates behind and gather for a photo. Winter Formal was a time for the members of Teps to dress up and have fun.



STORY

theta Chi

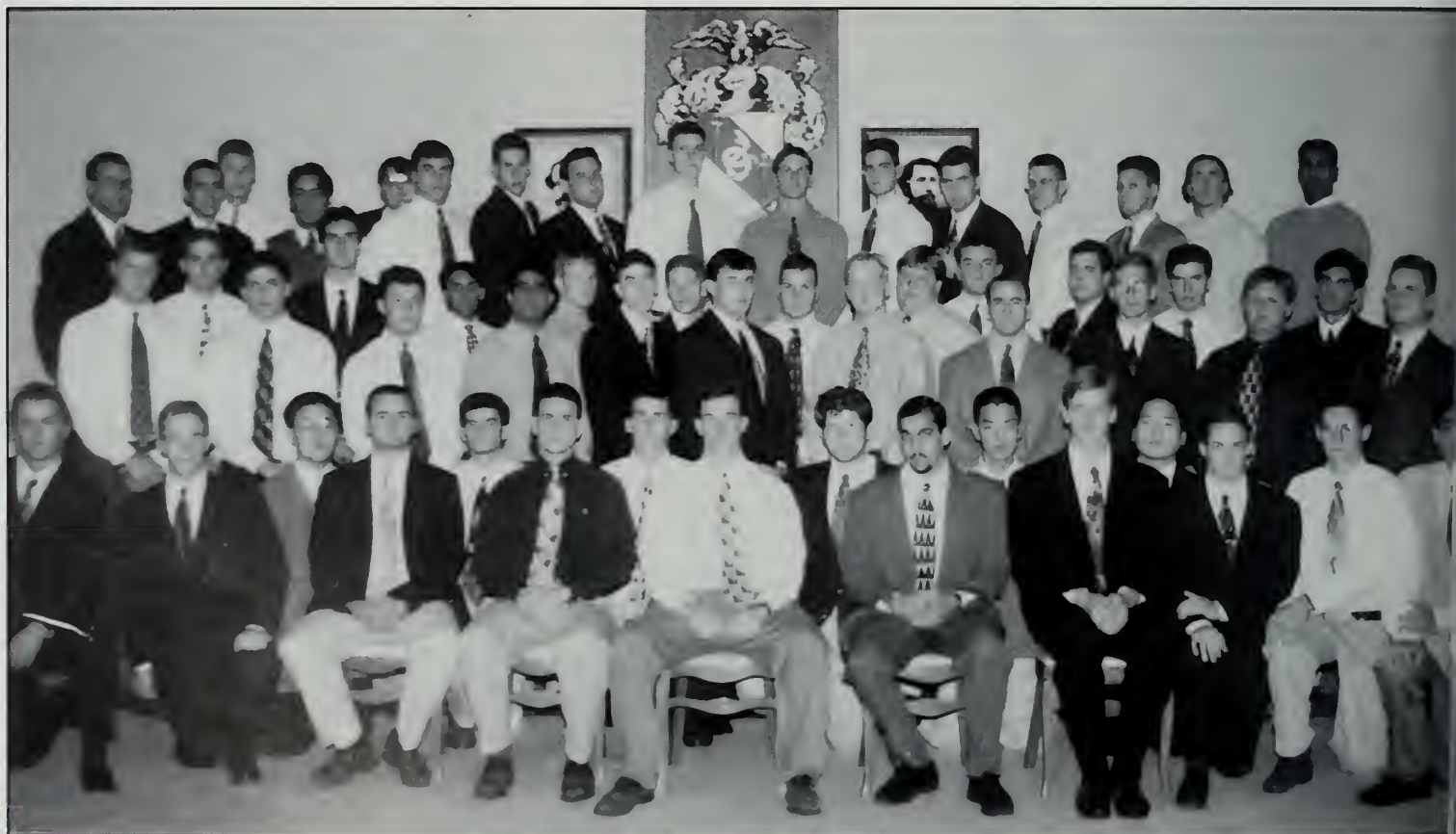
by Theta Chi

PAST AND PRESENT

"Through the house I have met a diverse group of people and have made friends to last a lifetime."

-Brad Persson, sophomore in ALS

THETA CHI IS one of the fastest growing and most progressive fraternities at the University of Illinois and its brotherhood is dedicated to excellence in every aspect. Theta Chi provides the opportunity for young men to gain social and leadership skills for the future in a ABSOLUTELY NO HAZING environment. The chapter is academically-oriented and has holds the maxim "Alma Mater first and Theta Chi for Alma Mater." In addition, Theta Chi always extends a helping hand and held numerous philanthropies including a full scale haunted house to benefit Cunningham's Children's Home in Urbana. Furthermore, Theta Chi enjoyed a varied social calendar including events with other fraternities and sororities.



Theta Chi: First Row: Jerry Aultz, Drew Kofahl, Daniel Bochtel, Vijay Jotwani, Thomas Thompson. Second Row: Ronald Bednarr, Kevin Baldwin, David Wang, Justin Breen, Eric Fink, E Gantwater, Alvin Liu, Nick Shin, Andrew Ryback, Dave Hladick, Al Skrobot. Third Row: Andy Schelitzche, Shaun Clauss, Kurt Smith, Rajiv Singh, Martin Lowo, Wayne Milczarek, Jacob Rick Nick Kloneh, Steven Jacob, Dave Byrd, Dan Lillig. Fourth Row: Robert Nelson, Peter Novorini, Amar Shah, Brad Persson, Cisco Palao-Ricketts, Jason Blazier, Kevin Snyder, Greg Mate Daniel Breen, Scott Manrose, Jay Rangan. Fifth Row: Karl Hammond, Brian Williams, Brent Rudin, Rene Delgado, John Burks, Kevin Gurgle, Jon Hyneck, Adam Bock, Joe Marshall, Zach H Daniel Davis, Mike Harter, Jason Arndt, Jason Ayeroff, Charles Smith, Emilio Cervantes. Not pictured: Brendan Corrigan, Gabe Mason, Anish Shah, Ketun Sheladia.



Drew Kofahl, Nick Shin, Dave Hladik, Brent Bailey, Adam Brasel, Brian Pozen, Jose Ruiz, Joel Brown and Hal Gaillimore pose at Theta Chi's spring formal.



Kevin Baldwin, Javier Cervantes, Amar Shah and Vijay Jotwani pose during walkout at the U of Michigan, Ann Arbor.



Joel Brown, Tom Thompson, Joe Elarde, Brian Pozen, Jason Blazier, Dan Bechtel and Dave Hladik party on a hotel balcony under sunny skies. The group made a few friends in Panama City Beach, Florida, during spring break '96.



Kevin Baldwin, Dave Hladick, Dave Wang, Brent Rudin, Tom Thompson, Amar Shah, Vijay Jotwani, Drew Kofahl, Zach Hiser and Dan Bechtel along with staff from the international headquarters pose with the awards received by Rho Chapter at the 1995-1996 Theta Chi National Convention in Orlando, Florida.

STORY

by *Theta Xis*

PAST AND PRESENT

theta xi

"We want kegs back."

-Brett Mahon,

sophomore in CBA

THE THETA XI Fraternity is a best brotherhoods on campus. Founded in 1864 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, Theta Xi includes 110 chapters nationally and encompasses over 56,000 brothers. At U of I, Theta Xi has an impressive social schedule with some of the best sororities on campus year after year. We participated in numerous philanthropies, including Kidnap n' Ransom with the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority for Habitat for Humanity. Theta Xi also managed to maintain an above-average house GPA, and we gave several chapter scholarships to brothers who showed excellence in their academic endeavors. As one of the oldest and largest houses on campus, Theta Xi continues to lead the way in Greek excellence.



Scott Sherry, Anoy Butkiewicz and dates have a ball at the '96 Theta Xi Formal.

The boys enjoy themselves here at an exchange with a little help from the Champaign Fire Department.



Some Theta Xis mug for the camera at Mardi Gras.



delta delta delta

*"Even as I
spend the
'96-'97 school
year in London,
my sisters are
always in my
heart." -Kim
Garr, junior in
LAS*

STORY

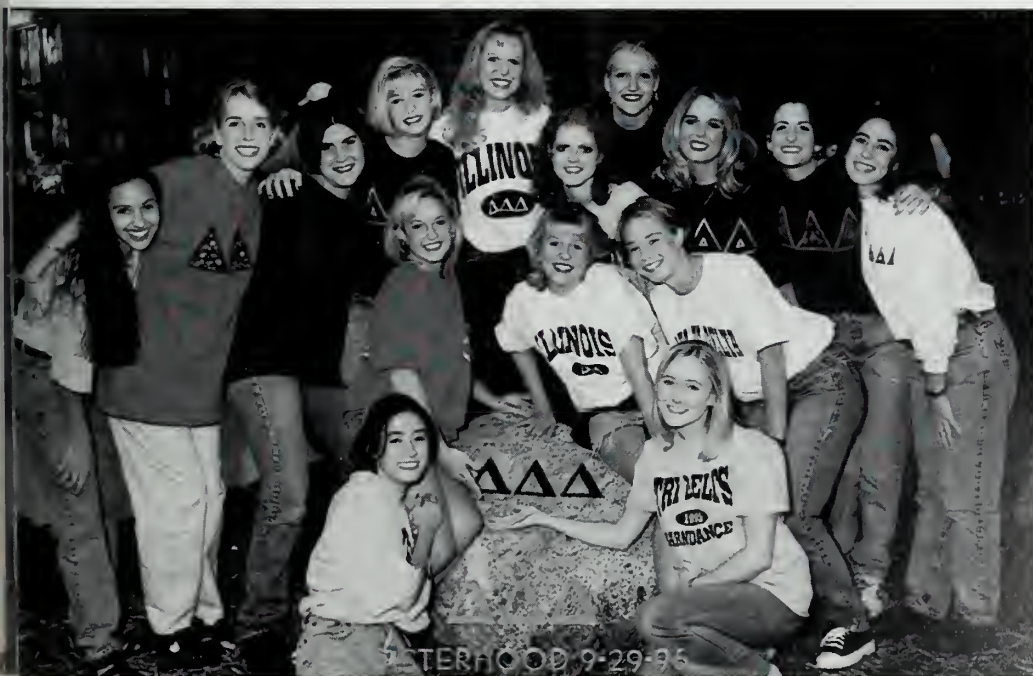
by Tri Delta

PAST AND PRESENT

TRI DELTA WAS founded on the eve of Thanksgiving in 1888 at Boston University and came to U of I in 1920.

They pride themselves on diversity and display it in campus and community involvements. From SAA and Panhellenic Executive Board to cheerleading and sports, Tri Deltas are seen in a number of activities. Their philanthropy, Frats at Bat, was a success again this year. The money raised went to St. Jude's Children's

Hospital. They held their third annual Senior Ball where they visited a retirement community with Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and celebrated the holiday with residents. Whether they're studying, watching TV, or going to local hangouts, Tri Deltas enjoyed being together and maintaining close sisterhood.



Delta Delta Delta: First Row: J. Vosicky, A. O'Hara, H. Graham, S. Carter, A. Noah, K. Augius, S. Jusufi, L. Petty, K. Kennet, R. Lofchie, A. Pryor, K. Garibaldi, S. Conner, M. Marzullo, A. Rossi. Second Row: M. Akl, T. Boricic, C. Kolar, E. Hanson, S. Pankau, B. Nelson, B. Frese, H. Schlimme, J. Swoyer, J. Whilrty, S. Hasabalis, C. Fiscella, C. Brewer, L. Webb, D. Falkenberg, D. Pierson, J. Aguilar, D. Wrigley, L. Kinney, J. Katchel, S. Pellitier, B. Browne, E. LeNoach, S. Coffman, M. Steinmetz, T. Miyao, L. Ratini, J. Katich, N. Weiss, E. Hepp. Third Row: S. Davis, A. Fowler, S. Batchellor, J. Patt, T. Tracy, M. Berardi, J. Miller, M. Totel, T. Handley, Q. Hentzel, C. Rolls, T. Veluz, S. Lin, E. McNally, M. Soldwedel, J. Jackson, C. Adams, J. Miller, M. Soer, O. Mezei, J. Schultz, K. Stuchly, M. Young, J. Schlossberg, J. Lee, B. Scully, M. Seehafer, K. Phair, A. Sims, T. Epperson, C. Neville, S. McMaster, L. Dodds, G. Risatti, C. McDonald, K. Anderson, L. Steinberg. Fourth Row: M. Young, F. Bruro, M. Foley, T. Hasabalis, H. Greep, B. Sallmann, J. Shin, J. Antonini, K. Smithson, J. Marble, M. Wicker, A. Frett, C. Teeple, J. Venton, K. Lorenz, N. Ransom, L. Hill, C. Collins, A. Clark, K. Epperson, L. Augius, A. Mendoza, C. Bishop, N. Plecki, A. Shiffer, A. Delmore, K. Glennon, T. Rowe, M. McLaughlin, H. Parmelee, J. Nelson. Fifth Row: J. Turner, J. Boston, B. Arana, L. Alberts, N. Camp, L. Lukasik, A. Lorden, K. Barnett, D. Rowden, J. Jodlowski, M. Seiben, T. Klayman, W. Moyers, A. Soer, K. Anderson, A. Mularky, S. Roberts, L. Zerbe, A. Barkowitz, M. Frost, N. O'Hara, K. Cox, S. Klinworth, N. Lizio, K. Henwood, B. Biondo, C. Petty.

STORY

by Evans Scholars

PAST AND PRESENT

evans scholars

"As Bill Murray from 'Caddyshack' says, 'We will all receive total consciousness. So we got that going for us, which is nice.'"

-Jim Lee, freshman in CBA

THE EVANS SCHOLARS co-educational residence for recipients of the Evans Scholarship, an award given based on academic achievement, financial need, and work as a golf caddy. Since 1930, over 6,500 young people have received their education as Evans Scholars. Evans Scholars strive to live up to the high standards and traditions of excellence for which the organization is known. Using excellence in academics and leadership as ideals, Evans Scholars built unity and respect within the community. The ever-increasing program boasts fourteen chapters throughout the country. The Illinois chapter was founded in 1951 and houses ninety men and women. Evans Scholars prided themselves in their uniqueness as a co-educational fraternity that has its members chosen by a scholarship committee. It is in this environment that the members grow both intellectually and socially while being educated at the U of I.



Executive Board meets with Nationals: Todd Looby, Mike Sciepko, Jeff Henderson (Faculty Advisor), Eric Long, Bob McMasters (WGA Director), Jeff Bilotti, Amy Grannan, Rich Eskra, Tom Winstead.



Evans Scholars and their dates crowding together in the barn at Barndance.

Evans Scholars: First Row: Eric Long, Chris Luther, Tippy, Brad Okresik, Brian Cunningham. Second Row: Randy Gallagher, Tom Kane, Ryan Phalen, Sharon Banaszak, Tom Winstead, Tricia Johnston, Kevin Grens, Meg Kietly, Keith Gall, Paul Mozis, Carlo Messina, Tim Engler, Shawn Smedley, Paul Tromp, Katie McHugh, Kerry Rosean, Christine Banaszak, Jim McGrail, Erica Nelson, Rich Merson, Jeff Bilotti, Mike Sciepka, Shane Adamski. Third Row: Brian Mivelli, Pete Hill, Andy Shimanski, Mitch Posh, Devon Lindenberg, Paul Raso, Tommaso Camilleri, Jim Lee, Matt Brady. Fourth Row: Ken Bennett, Mark Galas, Avi Fogel, Tom Fitzgerald, Mark Dygon



Phi kappa tau

"Fellowship, fraternity and brotherhood come to be through example, desire and attitude."

-Eric Achtien, junior in LAS

PHI KAPPA TAU celebrated its 80th anniversary on the University of Illinois campus. House members

can be found on University hockey, football, basketball, and lacrosse teams. The men of Phi Kappa Tau participated in their national philanthropy, the "Hole in the Wall Gang," as well as the Interfraternity Council and the Greek Risk Management Council.

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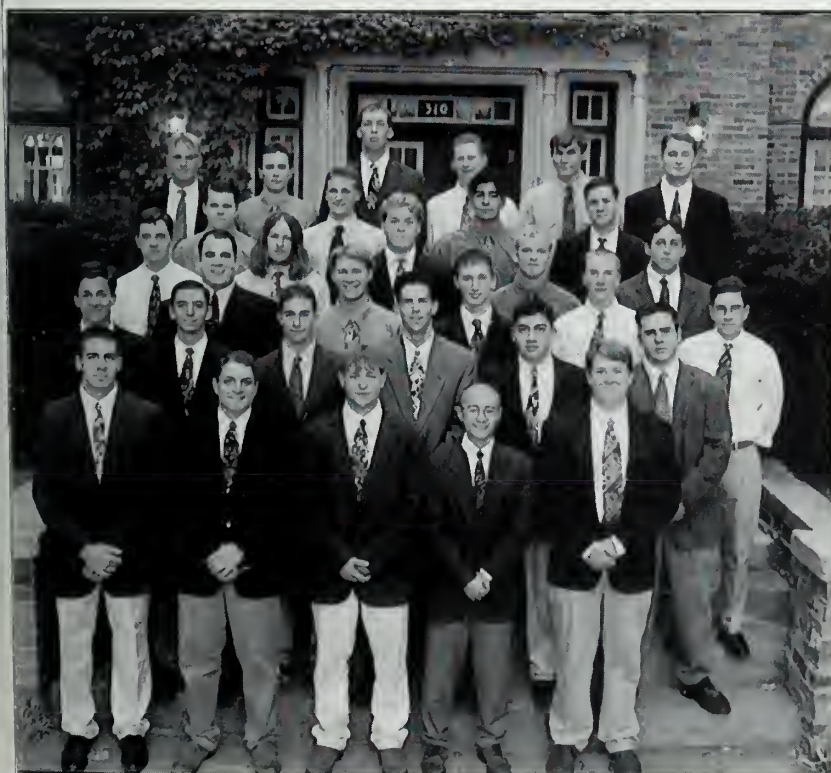
by Phi Taus

PAST AND PRESENT



Phi Kappa Taus and their dates are all smiles as they break for a picture at spring formal.

The men of Phi Kappa Tau leave their dates behind to pause for a picture during their spring formal.



Phi Kappa Tau: First Row: Dan Miller, Jim Boccarossa, Derek Koslowski, Vi Lam, Mike Pfister. Second Row: Tony Antognoli, Rob Parkinson, Jason Lunt, Joel Tysiak, Rudy Calderon, Kevin Riordan. Third Row: Tony Nowak, Scott Larson, Eric Harter, Brein Ramsey, Jeff Nueharth. Fourth Row: Eric DePorter, Jerry Taulbee, Matt Blevins, Bill Ryan, T.J. Olson. Fifth Row: Eric Achtien, Brian Buckley, Paul Rodriguez, Steve Byron. Sixth Row: Kris Kvelland, Tim Gannon, Gary Johnson, Paul Stewart, Jay Fleck, Mike Harmsen.

STORY

by *Phi Kaps*

PAST AND PRESENT

Phi kappa Sigma

"This is a brotherhood of gentlemen."

-Jeff Kreyer, junior in LAS

THE RHO CHAPTER of Phi Kappa Sigma was founded on October 29, 1892. The Chapter House, at 313 E. Chalmers, was built in 1913,

and is the first house built specifically for a fraternity. Their nickname, "Skulls", dates back to the Civil War, when members of both Union and Confederate Armies took to wearing silver skull pins on their uniform in order to identify a fellow Phi Kap. The Phi Kappa Sigma colors are Black and Old Gold, and their motto is *Stellis Aequus Durando*, which means "Equal to the Stars in Endurance". The members of Phi Kappa Sigma have a broad spectrum of interests, ranging from engineering and the sciences to writing and the humanities. The men of Phi Kappa Sigma field at least one team in each intramural sport, and strive for excellence in philanthropy and academics.

Phi Kappa Sigma: First Row: Scott Solomon, Alex Abate, Dave Heitman, Aaron S. Reilly, Eric Ryan, Chris Borbas, Jeremy Groharing. Second Row: Mark Szczepkowski, Joe Spencer, Dan Delaunois, Jeff Kreyer, Kevin Kuhn. Third Row: Kevin Grady, Joe Mikulskis, Mike Benoit, Brian Michelini, Greg Gardner, Mark Haramija, Cameron Wicklow. Fourth Row: Pat O'Neal, Craig Baloun, Mike Grisolan, Peter Lynch, Ben Taylor, Kevin Bass. Fifth Row: Dan Posacki, Roger McGuire, Mike Brown, Dustin Zuber, Jeff Martin. Not Pictured: Mike Smejkal, Chad Hermann, Greg Trusk, Dean Giorgetti, Brandon Keafer, Rob Willis, Sam Perkins, Doug Green, Brian Bederka, Jeremy Calhoun, John O'Connell, Joe Leddy, Jack Sheehan, Ian McCormack, Ryan Strecker, Matt Modica, Richard Dabrowski.

Phi Kappa Sigma Seniors: First Row: Dan Delaunois, Pat O'Neal, Dustin Zubert. Second Row: Kevin Kuhn, Eric Ryan, Mike Benoit, Richard Dabrowski, Craig Baloun, Jeff Martin. Third Row: Dave Heitman, Aaron S. Reilly, Chris Borbas.



The men of Phi Kappa Sigma and their house sweetheart are all smiles as they party into the night at their formal.



theta delta chi

STORY

by *Theta Delta*

PAST AND PRESENT

"Oh my gosh. They're still on campus."

-Dr. Jim Guinee, alum

THETA DELTA CHI is a social
and service fraternity. Their
Philanthropy events last year
helped in the building of

Prairie Play, a park in Urbana, entertaining senior citizens at Carle hospital. Theta Delta Chi is proud of the six firsts which they brought to other fraternities: the adoption of sacred colors, a patron goddess, stone, pledge pin, flag, as well as publishing a fraternity magazine. In their twelfth year of re-establishment, they are proud of their heritage at the U of I, which dates back to 1908. One of their famous alumni is Robert Frost. Their social events included a barn dance and exchanges with Delta Xi Phi, their annual Pink Flamingo and Thumper parties, and aspring formal. Theta Delta Chi is returning to the glory of old, here at the U of I.



Theta Delta Chi: First Row: Derick Uhler, Nate Fyie, Dave Evans, Tony Arakkal, Kevin Nekolny. Second Row: John O'Kane, Patrick Kelm, John Wegerzyn, Daniel Budzyn. Third Row: Chris Wynveen, James Blacher, Jr., Thoman Hammar, Enrico Willis, Luis Nieves, Robert Reichel. Not Pictured: Daniel Malinski.

Some of the members of Theta Delta Chi demonstrate what it means to belong to a social and service fraternity at their spring formal.

STORY

Zeta Psi

by Zetes

PAST AND PRESENT

*"Home of Harold 'Red' Grange,
whose spirit still lives on today."*

-Greg Bernosky, Senior in FAA

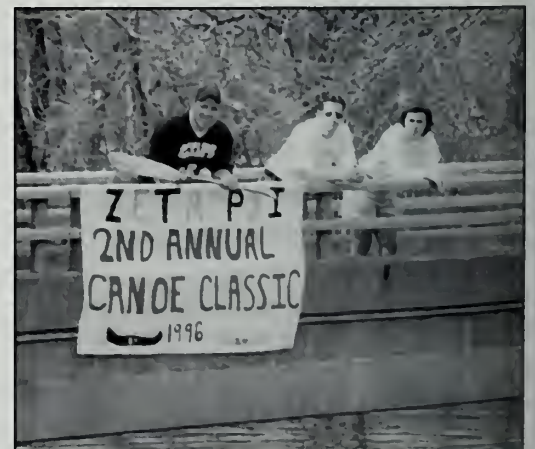
**ZETA PSI IS the fraternity of
Illinois Football legend Harold
"Red" Grange. The Alpha Epsilon**

Chapter here at the U of I owns one of three masks of Abraham Lincoln. In their fifth year of re-establishment, they are proud of their heritage at the U of I which dates back to 1909. Zeta Psi is the only fraternity with a chapter at every Ivy League school and at every Big Ten School. Founded in 1847, Zeta Psi ranks as the 11th oldest Greek letter fraternity. Their nickname is Zetes, their colors are white and gold, and their strength is in their brotherhood.

Zeta Psi Formal: First Row: Jim Hastings, Mike Jones, Colton Anderson, Ryan Ely, Matt Elwood. Second Row: Chris Hendrick, Nate Brammier, Chris Czarnowski, Greg Bernosky, Matt Zeffiro, Ron Geiger, Ben Jackels. Third Row: Jon Luttrell, Brian Hortsmann, Mike Clark, Paul Richardson, Kevin Emery, Mark Hulin, Steve Ibendahl, Tom Wallisch, Steve De Rue, Darren Forgy.



ZY Civil War Game: First Row: Ron Geiger, Paul Richardson, Kevin Emery, Mike Jones, Tom Willisch. Last Row: Chris Hendrick, Colton Anderson, Tom Brinkmann, Mark Hulin, Darren Forgy, Matt Sudduth, Jim Hastings, Chris Czarnowski, Jon Luttrell, Ryan Ely, Greg Bernosky.



Philanthropy Event ZY Canoe Classic, Paul Richardson, Tony Zeffiro and Jessi Cook.

Nabor House

"A tradition of excellence."

-David Gerstenecker, Senior in Engineering

STORY

by Nabor House

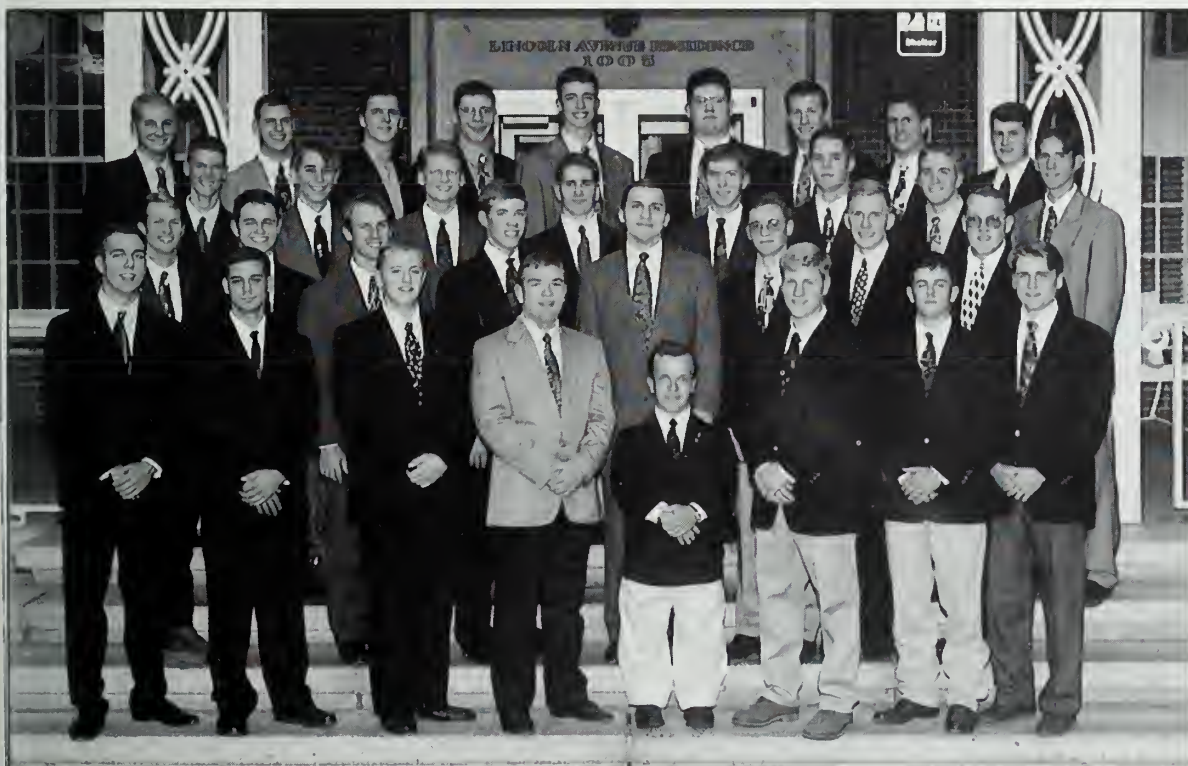
PAST AND PRESENT

FOUNDED IN 1939, the Nabor

House Fraternity offers something different to its members. Over fifty-five years ago, a small group

of Agriculture students here at the University of Illinois founded an organization that would shape the lives and careers of hundreds of men for years to come. They created not just a living arrangement for students of common interests, but a true fraternity - a fellowship that has been sustained by the dedication of over

five-hundred active and alumni members who have helped maintain the ideals and principles upon which the Nabor House was founded. The current active chapter consists of thirty-eight Nabors committed to Education, Cooperation, and Recreation. Nabor House continues to develop leaders in all areas of the University, who work with the Chancellor and Deans, as well as other campus organizations. Nabor House is not just another fraternity, but a place where each individual member can excel.



Nabor House. First Row: Don Wall, David Schneider, Matt Livingston, Darren Koehl, Rusty Melhouse, David Vaughan, Chad Faller, John Rutherford. Second Row: Heath McCormick, Brad VanDeWoestyne, Matt Britt, Justin Moffitt, David Gerstenecker, Adam Cramsey, Matt Powell, David Jordan. Third Row: Mark Farrell, Ryan Harms, Jared Jahraus, Noah Litherland, Alan Chestnut, Ryan Wilson, Adam Anderson, Kevin Barto. Fourth Row: Mike Potthast, Brad Stewart, Jason Hoult, John Lane, Jeff Duncan, Greg Hart, John Olson, John Prater, Matt Kellogg.



Members proudly pose with their Lil' Sis's across the street from the house.



The Nabor House, located on Lincoln Avenue in Urbana.

STORY

by Phi Kaps

Phi Kappa Theta

FOUNDED IN 1912, the University of Illinois Chapter is the oldest active chapter of Phi

Kappa Theta. They are a diverse fraternity, with brothers deeply involved in the house as well as in campus organizations such as student government, honors societies, Interfraternity Council, Illinois Hockey, and the lacrosse team, to name a few. They are most proud of their 12th Annual Mud Volleyball Tournament, which was co-sponsored with Delta Gamma sorority. This annual tournament raises money for the Joshua Gottheil Memorial Foundation. They also found time this year to do volunteer work at hospitals, Don Moyer's Boys and Girls Club, Head Start, and even coach a little league basketball team. It's no wonder their motto is, "Give, expecting nothing thereof." Phi Kaps also love to blow off steam after a long week of studying and work which is why they have a full social calendar scheduled with various exchanges, afterhours, formals, and impromptus.

Phi Kappa Theta: First Row: Darin Mieszala, Tom Healy, Eric Sharon, Derek Beaty. Second Row: Dan Hodgson, Joshi Fullop, Greg Link, Aaron Stillman, Anthony Miller. Third Row: Rol Husonwazzu, Dan Marunde, Jack Petramala, Marty Osinski, Mark Kwilosz. Fourth Row: Tom Powers, Tony Mathai, Lucas Tryggstad, Scott Harrison, Greg Newell, Andy Holub, Bryan Duray.



STORY

by Sigma Lambda Gamma

Sigma Lambda Gamma

Sigma Lambda Gamma sorority is a Latina based sorority that is open to all women who seek a

sorority based on sisterhood, academics, cultural awareness, community service, morals and ethics. The Delta chapter was the first Latina-based sorority on this campus. They were founded at the University of Illinois on April 10, 1992. Their colors are shocking pink and majestic purple, and their mascot is the purple panther. They live by the motto, "Culture is Pride, Pride is Success."

Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc: First row: Cecilia Abundis, Maria Elena Carbajal, Vaness Haro, Rita Hinojosa, Elizabeth Pichardo, Claudia Tejada, Mirella Chaidez. Second row: Ana Santana, Carla Reyes, Madeline Munoz, Melissa Garcia, Lizette Rivera. Third row: Leticia Nache, Ennedy Rivera, Alicia Mandujano, Wandy Ortiz, Yahna Awazu.



Sigma Pi

STORY

SIGMA PI WAS founded on a strong united brotherhood that new members constantly try to uphold. The chapter was established in

by Sig PIs

1908, and are the oldest chapter in continuous existence in Sigma Pi Fraternity International. They focus on social activities and preparation for a professional career. Several brothers participate in campus activities, including IFC, rugby and hockey. They also compete in Intramural sports.



Sigma Pi: First Row: Andy Frobish, Dave Toles, Rob Parker, Henry Alitto, Alex Miller, Tim Uthe. Second Row: Matt Sterzinger, Curt Myers, Don Alip, Nate Judd, Nick Stokes, Johnny Oh, Tad Ingles, Mark Maier, Tim Foster, Brian Cassens, Luke Tilberry. Third Row: Mike Murray, Michael Brauneis, Jon Havrilesko, Rick Witte, Chris Lebeck, Chris Gensler, Mike Perlberg, Matt Sievers, Rick Weber, Dean Stoeber, Mark Holley. Not Pictured: Paul Bruno, Mike Collins, Paul Copper, Jim Ellis, Chris Francoeur, Steve Geissler, Chris Hancock, Bobby Henson, Brian Jones, Joel Klein, Larry Lu, Bob Wolfe, Graham Morin.

Zeta Beta Tau

Zeta Beta Tau Chapter Rho has been an integral part of the University of Illinois since 1911.

The brothers of Zeta Beta Tau not

only pride themselves on a deep sense of brotherhood but also excel in both academics and athletics. Zeta Beta Tau is consistently ranked among the top in grades. They have also been highly successful in numerous intramural competitions

STORY

by ZB Ts



Zeta Beta Tau: First row: Benji Rosen, David Malk, Fabio Avona, Justin Newman, Brett Kaufman, Andrew Horn. Second row: Adam Forman, Joey Shaewitz, Chad Saffro, Michael Goldberg, Landon Pryor, Jordan Bass, Jason Bleck, Holby Abern. Third row: Scott Vold, Aaron Krolik, Evan Swidler, Judd Goodman, Jonah Ravine, Jason Paul, Jason Abel, Ryan Shpritz, Greg Simon, Mike Shinski, Josh Gold, Stu Primack, Brandon April, David Reich. Fourth Row: Eugene Davidovich, Jeff Libman, Eric Greenfeld, Dave Hoffberg, Lee Bass, Daniel Joo, Doug Kempler, Adam Shafer, Zach Silvers, Jeff Azulay, Craig Cohen. Fifth row: Jason Harris, Glen Grimaldi, Michael Wohlstadter, Brad Gates, Marc Schreiner, Matt Tarshis, Michael Brichta, Ryan Miller, Jeff Schiff, Adam Karlov. Sixth row: George Furla, Michael Strauss, Seth Halpern, Dave Feinberg, Brian Rudich, Aaron Share, Adam Handwerker, Scott Shudnow, Joey Drucker, Chuck Winfrey, Brian May, Etie Hertz, Stuart Auslander. Seventh row: Brad Melnick, Dave Mann, Jason Provus, Ken Ewert, Jordan Schtulman, Brian Eggner, Jason Schaps, Shawn Cooper, Greg Wikoff, Jordan Batt, Nader Etrashidy, Steve Inman, Brian Waller, Zack Linderman, David Shifrin, Stuart Cairo.

STORY

by alpha chi sigma

PAST AND PRESENT

alpha Chi Sigma

ALPHA CHI SIGMA is a professional, co-ed chemical fraternity. The fraternity has three main goals: to bind its members with a tie of

true and lasting friendship, to strive for the advancement of chemistry, both a science and a profession, and to aid its members by every honorable means in the attainment of their ambitions as chemists throughout their lives. The Zeta chapter, founded here in 1908, holds professional events such as faculty chats, a lobster dinner, and the Krug Lecture. Members donated their time and knowledge to help area Boy Scouts receive their merit badges in chemistry and also participated in many social events. They also participated in intramural sports such as softball, volleyball, and flag football, and had a football block every season. The Zeta chapter had a barn dance in the fall, a formal in the spring, held "brotherhood" dinners in area restaurants, and enjoyed socializing with other chapters. In December, the members joined the Alpha chapter in Wisconsin for a ski trip.

Alpha Chi Sigma: First Row: Cheri Millikin, Lizelle Obana, Amber Karl, Michael Mulhern, Amanda Raymond, Janice Mante, LizMarie Obana. Second Row: Hye-Jin Kim, Lynne Wenck, Kristen Naschansky, Jennifer Jaworski, Clifford Smith, Guinevere Murphy, Allison Michael. Third Row: Jennifer Stall, Amy Suda, David Tuchmann, Robert Martin, Steven Moore, Jr., Eric Skinner, Francis Omana, Yvonne Kabat. Fourth Row: Andrew Archer, Hiten Patel, Stephani Forsee, Tania Pearson, Elizabeth Long, Michael Chastain, Juliann Gleeson, Rebecca Silver, Dimitrios Trivizas. Fifth Row: Kevin Knagge, Heather Kuhn, Michelle Siara, Sean Padden, Scott Coonrod, Daniel Potthoff, Kirk Halliburton, Michael Burleigh, Leslie Pamintuan, Eric Robinson. Sixth Row: Leanne Seaver, Chad Perrott, Neil Stickels, William Small II, Thomas Barich, Angela Hank, Meghan Gresk, Amy Pufahl, Aric Roush.



Members support their fellow brother, Jason Brown, in his extra-curricular hockey event at the University's Ice Arena.



The Alpha Chi Sigma house, located at 606 W. Ohio in Urbana.



alpha kappa psi

STORY

by **AK Psi**

PAST AND PRESENT

FOUNDED IN 1904, Alpha Kappa Psi is comprised of students with diverse ethnic backgrounds from a variety of **is the nation's oldest professional business majors.** Their mission is to develop well-trained, ethical, skilled, **business fraternity. Alpha Kappa Psi** resourceful, and experienced business leaders. Alpha Kappa Psi provides an opportunity for students to develop leadership skills, professional qualities, and friends for life. Alpha Kappa Psi participates in a variety of activities, including professional speakers, field trips, philanthropic endeavors, barn dances, formals, parties, football blocks, tailgates, broomball and basketball.



Alpha Kappa Psi: First Row: Joyce Lo, Ben Albovias, Michelle Hacker, Jeff Hall, Christine Pimentel, Erik Norlin. Second Row: Joanne Hwa, Karen Demavivas, Jennifer Manalo, Alice Chung, Connie Guo, Sora Yi, Sojin Yi, Laila Nabhan, Janet Song. Third Row: Faye Hizon, Melanie Leyesa, Shoma Kaleikar, Chiltu Nathan, Mariza Torres, Monica Song, Irma Diment, Lisa Sutti, Kristine Scott, Tracy Kavaliauskas. Fourth Row: Veronica Ruiz, Nida Januskis, Ellen Yang, Mara Bondi, Ian Stetter, Kyle Brune, Meghann Dugan, Amy Yore, Heidi Binet. Fifth Row: Kristen Berg, Jeff Stone, Michael Swanson, Melissa Klimczak, Steve Ham, Andy Fernandez, Kevin Baum, Sean McCarthy, John Eisel. Sixth Row: Sarah Cochrane, Kimberly Williams, Sarah Pierce, Sharona Hicks, Cory Newhausen, Lori Jesberg, Jolanta Wojcik, Mike Benoit, Tina Plankis, Lilita Matison, Imran Hussain, Dan Allen. Seventh Row: Jennifer Moore, Shannon Winters, Betsy Kelly, Jen Rice, Camelia Deian, Joe Leddy, Erika Wingate, Suzanne Lind, Paulina Elkins, Gerald Huang. Eighth Row: Cristina Dvaro, Jennifer Rebecca, Beth Schierer, Jen Dockins, Debbie Markus, Jessica Lee, Anthony Pesce, Joe Kim, Mark Palmer. Ninth Row: Gracyna Ciesla, Gangetta Mehta, Mark Buckley, Sulin Shah, Bernard Shim, Todd Gilleyen, Kevin Ballard, Theresa Williams, Bryan Park, William Insley, Al Fulkerson, Lavish Patel.

Four friends pose at formal, showing the closeness of Alpha Kappa Psi's members.



Two members embrace one another's company at an Alpha Kappa Psi pledge party.



STORY

*by Alpha
Lambda Delta*

Alpha Lambda Delta

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA recognizes men and women who have achieved academic distinction. Acceptance into this organization requires an outstanding GPA of 3.5 by the end of the freshman year. The society exists to promote intelligent living and a high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their unique roles in society. Each year they undertake volunteer projects to benefit the students of the University of Illinois and the surrounding community. Specifically, this year they are focusing on health care, homelessness and the environment. Besides aiding the community, their organization also focuses in on the students at the University of Illinois. With that in mind, they have established a tutoring program to help their fellow classmates who are in need of assistance. Service is a key element of Alpha Lambda Delta, and they strive in excellence to contribute to the community.



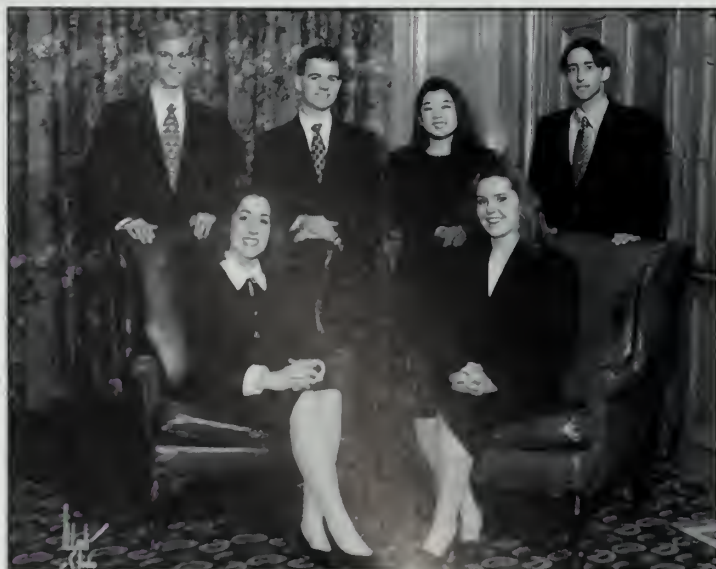
Alpha Lambda Delta: First Row: Erin Cody, Melissa Munsell, Tamy Leun, Amy Johnson, JoLynn Caroline. Second Row: Nida Januskis, Lindsey Grumis, Kim Russo, Candice Smith. Not pictured: Sue Herbert, Faculty Advisor.

STORY

*by Beta
Alpha Psi*

Beta Alpha Psi

BETA ALPHA PSI is a National Accounting Fraternity that attracts qualified junior and senior students who have a keen interest in accounting. It was first established



in 1919 at the University of Illinois. Since that time, the organization has spread to over 200 campuses nationwide. The University of Illinois' chapter is one of the country's largest, comprised of 81 members. Each member must go through one pledge semester in which he or she is required to attend all of the fraternity's events. During each semester, Beta Alpha Psi members participate in a variety of activities. Beta Alpha Psi holds professional presentations with the "Big 6" accounting firms, as well as several private firms. Each year, chapters from across the nation convene in meetings to discuss the future of Beta Alpha Psi and its relation to the accounting profession. In addition, it sponsors a field trip, social events, etiquette dinners, banquets, and philanthropic events. Over the last few semesters, the members have developed a special relationship with the Crisis Nursery for children. With the help of Deloitte & Touche, they have been able to sponsor special parties for children during the Easter and Halloween seasons.

Beta Alpha Psi: First Row: Frannie Goldberg, Maureen Power. Second Row: Mark Killian, John Cannon, Sandy Oh, Shakeeb Alam.

Delta Sigma Pi

THE INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY of Delta Sigma Pi is a professional business fraternity of more than 90 members who share the common bond of brotherhood and goals of professional success.

Brothers donate their time to help community organizations such as Ace Leukemia, Champaign Park District, American Nursery Home and Cunningham Children's Home.

Their brotherhood is strengthened through social activities, athletic events and brotherhood retreats.

by Delta Sigma Pi



Delta Sigma Pi: First Row: Tim Kanke, Julie Ahrling, Jen Esworthy, Joy Carpenter, Mark Iammartino, Mike McIntyre, Brian Pasdach, Jessica DeBruin, Trish Kerrigan, Heather McDonough, Karen Getz. Second Row: Amy Maxwell, Julie Weber, Leslie Lebb, Tina Podraza, Kelly Hurtig, Michelle Villagomez, Jason Lemberg, Deby Pan, Julie Kearney, Laurie Bauman, Beth Elder, Kristin Bauer, Ryan Metcalfe, Amy Linder, Andrea Campion, Darcy Powers, Gina Gil. Third Row: John Brown, Dave McClintic, Jeff Bear, Kyle Crews, Anthony Lawler, Kelly Maloney, Francis Favela, Josh Howell, Brett Locascio, Rich Breitstein, Doug Rodewald. Fourth Row: Maria Stevens, Kristen Parsons, Lindsey Grumish, Kelly Anderson, Todd Haenle, Sara Thompson, Allison Rapheal, Julie Schwartz, Kara Baier, Mike Leheney, Stephanie DeBlaley, Amy Gustafson, Nicole Young.

Greek IntersVarsity Christian Fellowship

GREEK INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN Fellowship seeks to support and encourage Christians to follow their faith as members of Greek chapters. Students meet weekly on

STORY

by Greek IV

Sunday nights at the Illini Union to discuss topics relevant to their lives, and several members lead small group discussions in their chapter houses. Greek IV has a campout each fall where students can meet people with similar beliefs from other Greek chapters on campus. In the winter, Greek IV travels to a national conference where more than 600 Greek students from all parts of the country are encouraged to pursue their faith in college and beyond. All Christian students in the Greek system are encouraged to participate.



Greek IntersVarsity Christian Fellowship: First Row: Dave Browning, Mindy Soldwedel, Heather Chapman, Esther Ferguson, Aaron Stillman, Tina Siler, Hannah Pope. Second Row: Allison Brown, Jennifer Frost, Dan Marunde, Eric Sharon, Joel Stevenson, Heather Bausell, Tiffany Handley, Megan Totel, Carrie Rodman. Third Row: Wes Dillingham, Staff, Jennifer Marble, Adam Poetzel, Jennifer Pryor, Grant Cain, Elizabeth McGrath, Matt Anderson, Tiffany Meier, Arthur Aragones. Fourth Row: Doug Stoltz, Nathan Kaufman, Lindsey Ward, Dan Knapp, Lisa Alberts, Laura Donovan, Jamie Putnam, Nathan Augspurger, Katie Smithson, Erin Carney, Staff. Not Pictured: Sarah Wackerlin, Annette Cole, Amy Peterson, Jessica Isenberg, Ken Gerlach, Marie Koch.

BLOCK-I

BLOCK-I IS LOCATED on the 40-yard

line on the east side of Memorial Stadium. It is led by 24 "Blockheads",

a committee of IUB. They design and prepare students for the half-time shows, take an annual Big Ten football road trip, participate in Homecoming activities and work closely with The Marching Illini to support and cheer on the football team. Block-I celebrated its 85th anniversary last year as the nation's oldest and largest cheering section. Today the block has twelve hundred student participants.

Block-I: First Row: Scott Scheuber, Chris Johnson. Second Row: Julie Larsen, Diane Scott, Kristin Zivic, Beth Luchi, Kristen Michaels, Julie Schirer, Heather Birkhead, Kathy Rice, Keely Dunham, Dana St. John, Tamara Pavlovic, Natalie Marks, Kim Wolowiec. Third Row: Candy Kairys, Jana Haynie, Haley Carroll, Jeff Barnes, Bridget Rhea, Kim Stonerl. Fourth Row: Ryan Kniewel, Ed Farwell.



Illini Union Board

IN 1942, THE Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois created the Illini Union Board and gave it the duty of

"providing cultural, educational, social and recreational programs for students, staff, alumni and guests of the University." Since then, the Illini Union Board (IUB) has provided programs and services which reach out to a diverse audience. Currently, IUB consists of fifteen student and eight non-student members responsible for one of the largest programming budgets on campus. Additionally, IUB serves as the advisory board for the Director of the Illini Union.

Illini Union Board: First Row: Bonnie Chakravorty, Adam Pawlus, Stephanie Lewis, Nikki Sansone, Gordon Liao, Marla Tun, Dana Hanson, Paul Gierstorf, Dedra Wright, Fleur Lee, Yolanda Torres, Jason Perry. Second Row: Alan Douglas, Hank Walter, Michelle Taylor, Dan Lathitham, Caroline Carlson, Jim Schofield, Dan Stoffel, Shelley Garrett, Stephen Douglas, Susan Maul, Ed Slaznik, Clare O'Brien, Jon Dooley. Not Pictured: Bill Beebe, Kendric Cobb, Lori Lynn.



ATIUS SACHEM

ATIUS-SACHEM IS an activities and leadership honorary composed of a group of highly motivated individuals dedicated to the development of campus leadership. Their strength is generated from their commitment of excellence to the University, our community and each other. Atius Sachem serves as a campus model of excellence in their approach, their product, and results attained. They seek to foster personal growth, scholarship, and philanthropy in each other and their commitment. They also sponsor many events throughout the year, including the Mom's Day Sing.



Atius Senior Leadership Honorary: First Row: Karissa Bischoff, Alexis Hanneken, Dawn Sideman, Cara Giacomini, Missy Wegrzyn, Bonnie Banoff, Stephanie Morris, Jessica Armentrout, Carrie Slaymaker. Second Row: Heather Roberts, Vijay Jotwani, Neal Baltz, Josh Meeks, Seth Bender, Marty Neumann, Dan Stokes, David Smiley, Alison Cobb, Jamie Foster. Not Pictured: Beth Dippel.



Sachem Junior Leadership Honorary: First Row: Sara Young, Kelli Harsch, Jessica House, Marisa Chutipisakul, Angela Geppinger Laurie Krajecki. Second Row: Chris Stortzum, Amy Bunselmeyer, Jason Logsdon, Scott Scheuber, Bryan Anderson, Deanna McClung, Bonnie MacDonald. Not Pictured: David Dahlquist, Ashlea Raymond, Shawna Robert, Andrew Sachs, Greg Shields, Holly Hinderliter.

ARMORY HOUSE

ARMORY HOUSE IS home to 65 men

and women of various fields of study. It is university certified for private housing, with complete food service offering nineteen meals a week. The house offers a quaint, study-oriented environment with personable staff and organized social events.

Armory House: First Row: Marko Golumbouski, Mary McElvian, Laura Wold, Laura Kinney. Second Row: Will Song, Molly Bircher, Kim Hastman, Gabe Tesdall, Lindsay Hopkins, Bill Spakowski. Third Row: Ken Harraguchi, Jason Wyckoff, Andy Steinhaus, Becky Wadlow, Tom MacMillin, Jill Deners, Mike Jarosik, Dan Debrorke, Rob Wilson. Fourth Row: Stephanie Schmidt, Esther Choi, Bahar Mallah, Ben Rosczyk, Harvey Henao, Susan Bollman, Becky Taylor, Emily Edwards, Randy Watkins, Randy Meese, Steve Rich. Fifth Row: Ashlee Wyatt, James Anderson, Kristin Forsyther, Lauren Giovannoni, Melissa Dry.



Presby House

PRESBY HOUSE PROVIDES University certified housing for forty women at the University of Illinois. It is located at 405 E. John. The women of Presby come from diverse backgrounds, have a variety of majors. Their members are actively involved in intramural sports, campus clubs, community service organizations, sororities, as well as a formal and a barndance every year.

Presby House: First Row: Julie Meyer, Candace Juliusson, Katy McMurry, Kristine Daly, Lucy Cross, Beth Orr, Natasha Klein. Second Row: Kelly Guba, Bianca Turner, Nlica Lerner, Tanya Ashur, Katie Wargel. Third Row: Sara Paschke, Cheri LeSage, Jessica McDaniel, Chelsey Gorline, Jodi Grimes, Mindy Davidson, Mary Siegrist. Fourth Row: Amy Doll, Dee Ann Schaley, Lobby Scherer, Amber Albritton, Melissa Stein, Callie Redshaw, Courtney Kafer. Fifth Row: Gwendolyn Smith, Christina Kapinus, Niki Flowers, Colleen Strunk, Jennifer Brix, Jenny Hale, Emily West, Christal Smith, Breeon Hopley, Jamie Addington. Not Pictured: Susan Brown, Jodi Goebel, Jenelle Johnson, Kim Pannier, Gallina Pushkarera, Karen Riden.



VOLUNTEER ILLINI PROJECTS

VOLUNTEER ILLINI PROJECTS is a student-run volunteer organization dedicating its volunteers and resources to serve the Urbana-Champaign Community. VIP is one of the largest volunteer organizations in the nation. VIP was founded in 1963 by Ken Allen and started as a tutoring service for local schools. VIP consists of 13 service projects which provide opportunities for U of I students to give back to the Champaign-Urbana community. Some of their activities include a senior prom, blood drives, tutoring in local elementary schools, registering the student population to vote and volunteering at area hospitals and homeless shelters. Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt

that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world, indeed, it's the only thing that ever does." These are the words that inspired VIP for more than 30 years, and these are the words they live by. VIP has excelled in creating and maintaining active volunteer programs which have received numerous awards including an Award of Merit from the Champaign County Blood Bank, a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Red Cross and the Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club Outstanding Organization Award.

Volunteer Illini Projects: First Row: Renee Brockman, Potoula Vavaroutsos, Aimee Olson, Regina Kim, Alpa Patel. Second Row: Denise Wernle, Dorothy Waniak, Amy Panfil, Tom Shields (advisor), Paul Fuppe, Kate Douglas, Aarti Kotak, Rebecca Krieger. Third Row: Eugene Lee, Eileen Herbster, Kwaku Andkwa, Kelly Lidinsky, George Singh, Emily Jungheim, Jeff Pohlman.



Senior Citizen Volunteers make a difference at Carle Arbours Nursing Home in Savoy.



VIP members gather for a picture on their Best Buddies Road Trip to St. Louis, MO.

Interfraternity Council

THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL is represent the fraternity system on campus, in the community and to the University administration. IFC sponsors events such as Homecoming Parade, Greek Week and Fraternity Rush. They have reformed rush to increase the number of new members.

the governing body of forty-eight fraternities on campus. They



InterFraternity Council Officers: First Row: Scott Brackenridge, Vice-President of Public Affairs; Aaron B. Cardwell, Internal Vice President; Matt O'Donnell, President; Eric Handley, Judicial Board. Second Row: John Oh, VP of Finance; Andy Bartlow, VP of Scholarship; Tom Sutter, VP of Programs; David Hladik, VP of Recruitment; Michael Madigan, VP of Membership Education.

Panhellenic Council

PANHELLENIC COUNCIL SERVES as a governing body to the 23 Panhellenic sorority chapters on campus. The Council strives to create quality programs for the University of Illinois' sorority system, the largest women's organization on campus. Panhellenic believes that sororities offer women opportunities in scholarship, community service, leadership and life-long friendships.



Panhellenic Council Exec members at the Mid-American Panhellenic Conference Association in Chicago.

Panhellenic Council: First Row: Lisa McGivern, VP Public Information; Nikki Austin, VP Membership; Tricia Shepherd, VP Membership Education; Heather Parmelee, President. Second Row: Laurie Krajecki, VP Internal; Kristi Page, Judicial Board Chair; Karen Bernstein, VP External; Julie Grena, VP Philanthropy; Steph Manning, VP Finance; Karie Anderson, VP Scholarship.



Student Alumni Association

THE STUDENT ALUMNI Association

is a student-run organization which is sponsored by the University of Illinois Alumni Association. SAA's

role on campus was to develop positive relations among students, staff, faculty and alumni. SAA sponsored programs and events throughout the year. SAA also acted as the umbrella organization for university Homecoming events. Other programs included Illini First Nite, Senior Reception, Senior 100 Honorary, Zero Year Reunion and Chautauqua.



Daisy Yu, VP Finance; Jen Marble, VP Homecoming; David Zissman, VP Foundations; Laura Zerbe, President; Amy Amatu, VP Programming; Jodi Kawada, VP Membership.



The Student Alumni Association First Row: Bill Durbin, Raquel Laley, Ali Martinez, Brandon Hurlbut, Christie Mathieson, Priya Lele, Matt Mell, Jill Sherlock. Second Row: Julie Grosch, Ann Smith, Carrie Rodman, Kim Hyett, Mary Holper, Scott Catlett, Katie Jansen, Melissa Gray, Dorothy Lesak, Maria Berardi. Third Row: Tim Booker, Angie Geppinger, Shelly Benson, Advisor, Dave Zissman, Jon Marble, Laura Zerbe, Daisy Yu, Jodi Kawada, Amy Amato, Julie Williams. Fourth Row: Kevin Tusing, Lynn Brown, Jim Conneoly, Dave Dahlquist, Tony Perkins, Patrick Jensen, Brooke Puccini, Christy Waldhoff, Christino Benodict, Josh McKey. Fifth Row: Deanna McClung, Jon Koszyk, Corey Flournoy, Tom Foley, Ryan Foster, Julie Crusius, Kevin Kirby, Christian Ramaker. Not Pictured: Sarah Bockman, Allyn Buhrow, Chris Callahan, Jason Dunseth, Chris Ernst, Holly Hinderliter, Steph Manning, Ann Millarkey, Kelly Rankin, Sharon Pendel, Heather Schlaffer, Chad Sellman, Tiftany Tracy, John Tuntland, Juliana Wong



Daisy Yu, Matt Mell, Jodi Kawada, and Dave Zissman greet University of Illinois alumni at a pre-game kickoff sponsored by the Alumni Association.

Student Ambassadors

STUDENT AMBASSADORS SERVED as representational and informational liaisons between the student body, faculty, alumni, various high school students, community members and

guests of the university, and acted as the official student representatives of the University of Illinois. Their members worked a variety of events sponsored by the President's House, the Chancellor's Office, the Alumni Association, the Foundation, the Office of Admissions, and other colleges on campus. Ambassadors received extensive training on subjects like campus safety, residence halls, diversity issues, cultural centers and facts about the University's history. Student Ambassadors was comprised of a select group of 50 diverse people, representing a wide range of majors, colleges, backgrounds and interests.



Student Ambassadors: First Row: Marla Shade, Michelle Shade. Second Row: Rusty Mann, President; Carrie Rodman, Jim Miller, VP Membership; Ali Donovan. Third Row: Brian Lehn, Hanna Pope, Jenny Lamb. Fourth Row: Lisa Guerra, Karissa Bischoff, Jenny Dolan, Alexis Hanneken. Fifth Row: Derek Wright, Laura Huntington, Stacey Chinn, VP Finance. Sixth Row: Aaron Wilken, Dave Arenberg, Geoff Ellis, Shelly Benson, Advisor; Andrea Enright. Seventh Row: Joel Werner, David Smiley, Liisa Anderson, Jeff Ross, Dallan Christensen, VP Events; Liz McGrath, Leslie Eaton, Rachel Ryan. Eighth Row: Paul Mann, Matt Kellogg, Dave Dahlquist, Jonas Siegel, Andrew Goldberg, Sara Young, Kristen Maslowski, Stacy Ferega.



Student Ambassadors Executive Board: Jim Miller, Vice President Membership and Internal Relations; Stacey Chinn, Vice President Finance; Rusty Mann, President; Dallan Christensen, Vice President Events and Services.

ILLINI PRIDE

ILLINI PRIDE STUDENT Athletic Board
is the student organization which
supports all non-revenue and
revenue sports on campus. With

backing from the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, this student organization was able to generate fun, excitement and spirit for the Fighting Illini. They were best known for their cheering sections Orange Krush and Spikers, as well as many other events including roadtrips, Homecoming week, chalking the Quad and decorating for games. It was a goal of all in Illini Pride to support the Illini no matter what. Overall, members of Illini Pride showed a genuine spirit and enthusiasm for the Orange and Blue.

Tim Stock, Matt Hennenfent and Mathew Knight enjoy the friendships and good times that they experience in Illini Pride.



Illini Pride Executive Officers: First Row: Ryan Gohlsen, Homecoming; Candace Juliusson, Football; Julie Meyer, Football; Matt Hennenfent, Men's Basketball; Matt Groch, Public Relations; Colla Boewe, Student Athletic Board Conference. Second Row: Jan Croegaert, President; Mandy Snell, Homecoming; Karissa Bischoff, Special Events; Molly Tarter, Women's Basketball; Mathew Knight, Men's Basketball; John Klich, Homecoming; Ashlea Raymond, Student Athletic Board Conference. Third Row: Mike Raycraft, Advisor; Ryan Kolak, Volleyball; Martin Neumann, Membership; Brian Dierman, Baseball; Tim Stock, Baseball; Jennifer Esworthy, Finance. Not Pictured: Matt Manet, Vice-President; Anwar Atalla, Assistant Finance; Chris Kuhl, Assistant Membership.



Illini Pride members enjoy food and drink at the Kam's pre-party.

The Other GUYS

THE OTHER GUYS is a comedy octet that stems from the Varsity Men's Glee Club. Since the dawn of the group 28 years ago, The Other Guys have served as ambassadors for the

university as well as provided comic relief for the Glee Club. The past few years have provided The Other Guys with much acclaim. Their last CD, "Unplugged," was awarded the 1996 Collegiate A Cappella album of the year. They were also crowned the Midwest Champions of Collegiate A Cappella by the Contemporary A Cappella Society of America. In addition to those accomplishments, The Other Guys have also had the honor of singing the national anthem for many professional sports teams including the world-champion New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium. This year, The Other Guys have added their latest CD, "Forever," to the family. Wherever there is danger, whenever wrong-doers plot their evil...plots, whenever they are hungry, look for The Other Guys. They will be there.



The Other Guys:
First Row: Adam "Spanky" Wengert, Ryan "Tough Guy" Behling, Keith "Chief" Coughlin, Andrew "The Gold" Goldberg, Justin "J-Roc" Strackany, James "Mandingo" Earl Jones II, Brian "King" Siedband, Dave "Mask Man" Wagner.

Finance Club

THE UNIVERSITY OF Illinois Finance Club was dedicated to the development of students interested in careers in finance. Specifically,

their purpose was to inform students of all majors and assist them with their career development. Whether their interest was in investments, real estate, insurance, banking or corporate finance, they wanted to provide an atmosphere that was both informational and fun. As far as accomplishments of 1996, there was quite a bit of excitement in the

Finance Club. Actually, most of the fun happened this past fall, which included their wildly popular social at R&R's (yeah, both of them) and their field trip to Chicago and the Cubs game. And who could forget the meeting when they ordered about ten Papa Del's pizzas too many! Through the course of the past two semesters, Finance Club was also busy making some worthwhile contributions. While their main intent was to provide a relaxing atmosphere where students could escape the stress of school for one hour twice a month, they strove to create new programs that would allow them to give back to the university, the college and the community. This included their educational outreach program with local high schools, called the Good News Bears, which hosted the first ever UISES National Investment Challenge, a job placement program, community service events and a spring career fair. They have all thoroughly enjoyed the past year with Finance Club and anxiously await whatever the future may hold for them.



Finance Club Executive Officers: First Row: Kristin Kurth, Internal Vice President; Troy Cardinal, President; Dan Radek, Job Placement Vice President. Second Row: Cory Covert, Social Chair; Joe Villacis, Secretary; Mark Smolenski, External Vice President; Valerio Butcher, Treasurer; Clarence Mi, Investments Chair. Not Pictured: Andrew Casey Sikula, Public Relations Vice President



While Dan and Troy stand on the DKH Water Fountain, Troy says: "Perhaps we could siphon off some of the hydroelectric power produced by this mighty fountain and use it to air condition DKH."

Phi Gamma Nu

PHI GAMMA NU was organized to foster the study of business in colleges and universities, to promote professional competency and achievement in the field of business and to further a high standard of ethics and culture in civic and professional enterprises. They supplemented the academic environment with speakers, field trips and seminars designed to broaden the scope of their professional experiences. Phi Gamma Nu provides a framework for participation in campus and community affairs through their philanthropies, fundraisers and social activities.



Phi Gamma Nu: First Row: Kelly Kristien, Kristine Speyer, Kelly McNeela, Victoria Nicolle, Stephanie Kalivas, Christina Swartzfager, Susan Mastrangeli, Colleen Metzger, Monica Malkani, Laura Amrein, Ami Patel, Payal Gurnani, Jennifer Nightingale, Natalie Sherwood, Mandy Myers. Second Row: Kevin Nowak, Peter Koob, Lisa Konrath, Lisa Pogachnik, Sonal Sheth, Barb Prieto, Nancy Albin, Thea Herazy, Andrea Bruch, Michelle Shames, Gina Schwartz, Irma Quelquejeu, Jennifer Dendrinis, Serene Ghalayini. Third Row: Brooke Matznick, Lisa Gschwind, Michelle Fedunyszyn, Julie Huskey, Rachel Bohler, Frank Cobo, David Portman, Jeffrey Wong, Krista Reczek, Janel Aemisegger, Ann Hsieh, Elizabeth Kuhlman. Fourth Row: Ryan Talbott, Patrick Cleary, Jason Khile, Brian Williams, Rich Maziarz, Steven Tanpoco, Robert Jurinek, Brad Pinsler, Geoffrey Ellis, Elizabeth Burke, Laurie Schrager, Sandy Oh. Fifth Row: Phillip Murphy, Andy Glogowski, Scott Miller, Stefanie Holland, Heidi Ehrenhofer, Andy Khorshid, David Plowman, Jason Greenberg, Mark Killian, Jason Wyckoff, Nathan Brochmann.

Phi Gamma Nu Seniors: First Row: Payal Gurnani, Stephanie Kalivas, Ami Patel, Colleen Metzger, Sandy Oh, Monica Malkani, Laura Amrein. Second Row: Christina Swartzfager, Kelly McNeela, Lisa Konrath, Barb Prieto, Andrea Bruch, Michelle Shames, Gina Schwartz, Victoria Nicolle. Third Row: Jason Khile, Rich Maziarz, Frank Cobo, Geoffrey Ellis, Elizabeth Burke, Mark Killian, Nathan Brochmann. Fourth Row: Scott Miller, Andy Glowowski, Stefanie Holland, Heidi Ehrenhofer, Jason Wychoff.

The Daily Illini

THE DAILY ILLINI has thrived for more than 126 years as the independent

student newspaper at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The DI is a student-run publication of the Illini Media Company. The DI remains as the

only subscription-based college newspaper in the country. More than 30,000 people read the paper every day. The DI began several new challenging projects during the 1996-97 school year, ensuring the paper's influence for years to come. A new Saturday edition was introduced during the football season. "Touchdown Times" was published during every home football weekend. In-depth analysis of the Illini and their opponents was packaged in the edition along with weekly campus rewinds, feature stories and expanded sports coverage of other Illinois sports. *The Daily Illini's* online edition was launched Nov. 1, aiding in the DI's advancement into 21st century journalism. DI online features the front page stories located in the print version of the paper, online columns and features and expanded Associated Press national and sports reports that regularly do not appear in the print version.



Daily Illini Editors: First Row: Erik Walker, Mike Cetera, Michael David Smith, Michelle Collins. Second Row: Will Leitch, Eric Waxman, Brian Costello, Dan Vock, Ali Gerakaris, Kal Lwanga, Joan Mocek, Steve Hanf, Karen Hawkins, Brian Wasag, Martha Juaniza.



Jeff Madden and Katie Williams, members of DI promotions, pose by the *Daily Illini* van.

Daily Illini Advertising employees Jay Camp, Jennifer Flesner and Chad Neff get together outside the office.

Graphics Editor Jonathon Berlin gets his recommended daily allowance of iron before work.



Daily Illini Advertising members pose outside the Illini Media Building.



The Issue

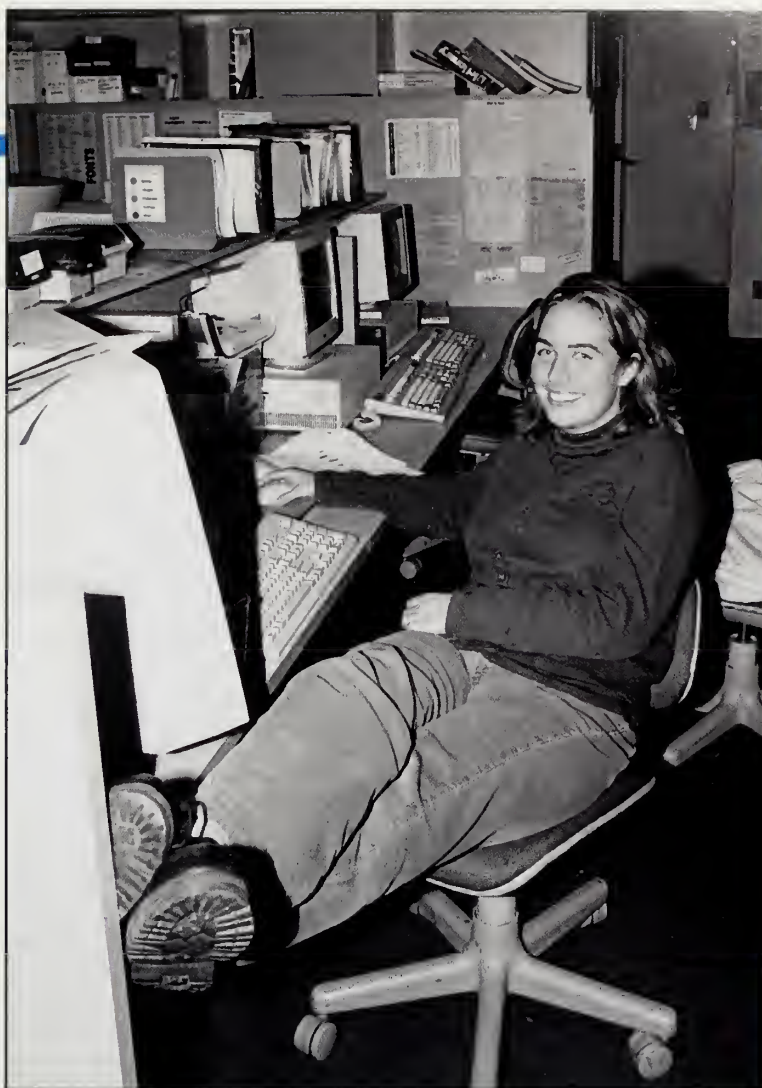
SEX, BOOZE AND a rubber chicken. What do these things have in common? Well, besides the obvious, they have all appeared in the pages of *The Issue*, the U of I's independent student magazine. *The Issue* provides the students at the U of I with a forum for discussion of topics relevant to student life and exposes them to the work and experiences of their peers. Each month *The Issue* concentrates on a given topic with several in-depth articles on that topic. Past topics have included everything from campus safety to mental health to money. In addition, the magazine features regular columns including Road Trip (an account of a real, live road trip), Your Campus (a look at a nifty student organization), Person to Person (an interview with an "interesting student"), Bite This (brief snippets of news), Technobabble (an explanation of some new-fangled technology) and the Food Guy (a morsel about some food-related topic). Student art and poetry also grace the pages of the magazine. *The Issue* is run by students and published by the Illini Media Company, the same people who bring you *The Daily Illini* and this very yearbook. And, most importantly, they actually have their own rubber chicken.

Kevin Jerbi uses *The AP Stylebook* to edit a proof of a story about stress. At *The Issue*, the business manager's tasks also included much copy editing.





Watch out, Hunter S. Thompson! Here comes Greg Lindsay. Lindsay is *The Issue's* Features Editor and Online Editor.



Topics Editor, Jessica Campbell, takes a moment from an intense design weekend to pose for *The Issue's* photo editor.



Most of *The Issue Gang*: Kathy Ballsrud, Art Director; Luke Albrecht, Editor in Chief; Jessica Campbell, Topics Editor; Stacza Lipinski, Promotions; James Westman, Issue Photo God; Lori [Name], Art and Literature Editor. Not Pictured: Kevin Jerbi, Business Manager; Greg Lindsay, Features Editor/Online Editor; Kim Kruse, Chief Copy Editor; Brent McDonald, Junior Editor.

The Planet

WPGU, 107 ONE The Planet, is a 24-hour commercial radio station that gave University of Illinois students the chance to learn beyond what was taught in the classroom. The Planet was a successful student-run radio station that provided employees with experience in several areas. Besides on-air positions, WPGU employed over 100 students in behind-the-scenes areas such as promotions, student sales, copy writing, reporting, engineering, programming and producing. Beyond a fun work environment that educated students in the field of radio, The Planet was very committed to giving back to the community. This year, The Planet worked closely with MTV as its official "Rock the Vote" station. Planet staff worked diligently to register students to vote before the '96 election. The station did not endorse a particular candidate or party, but tried to make students aware of the issues and gave them a chance to voice their opinion. WPGU was involved in many philanthropic events, the largest being Operation Santa Claus, a toy drive for over 100 underprivileged children in Champaign-Urbana.



At an all-station meeting, the staff got together for a "family picture." The meeting took place at Kam's, showing the Planet not only works together, but also plays together.

WPGU's Operation Santa Claus brings a holiday party, Santa and presents to Children of Crisis Nursey. Many listeners called in to donate money to help the children.



The band "Geggy Tah" visits the Planet studio. It is common for artists to stop in the station before they play a concert in Champaign.

Everybody likes free publicity, and this listener is a walking advertisement. This devoted Planet fan models his window ticker ensemble.



The Planet is on the Quad registering students to vote. This year WPGU was the official "Rock the Vote" station. Employees worked closely with MTV during election time.

Residence Hall Association

THE UIUC RESIDENCE Hall Association

represented all students living in the Residence Halls. Each resident was an automatic member of RHA. With more

than eight thousand members, RHA's assembly consisted of an Executive Board, Committee Chairpersons and representatives and presidents from each hall council and Black Student Union. They sponsored and planned programs that benefited residents. Programming was instituted through the eight RHA committees as well as the hall councils and Black Student Unions.

Residence Hall Association Executive Board: First Row: Sonya Rayford, Kimberly Egonmwan, Kelly Moore. Second Row: Quincy Fountain, Marilyn Michaels, Kim Sutton, Marc Goldman.

Picture at right:
Committee Chairs: First Row: Chris Coats, Katie Beaumont, Chris Murin. Second Row: Kristin Zivic, Chris Penny, Samir Shah, Amy Ebelhack. Third Row: Greg Johnson, Josh Klinzing, Jason Shederis.



Representatives and presidents of the Residence Hall Association pose for a picture

LAS COUNCIL

LAS COUNCIL, BY serving as the liason between students, administration and faculty, provides a forum where

the student body of LAS can have a voice in the policies and issues that affect them. It is dedicated to providing leadership and guidance for students, honoring excellence in advising, and increasing student involvement in the college both in and out of the classroom.



Members of LAS Council: Cassandre Creswell, President; Potoula Vavaroutsos, Secretary/ Treasurer; Jeff Jenson, Vice-President; Jamey Watson, Amanda Goldstein, Jennifer Kelly, Lauren Doughty, Nikki Baechler, David Josephitis, Cherie Sticha, Katarina Mescal, Sabrina Boisvert, Tracy Frey, Bill Cleeland, Stephanie Dunton, Eric Besunder, Julianna Dombrowski, Rich Reznick, Andrew Bredenmeyer, Tom Gayton, Brian Clark.

commerce council

COMMERCE COUNCIL WAS founded in 1984. The council is a service organization dedicated to providing

the students of the College of Commerce and Business Administration with a richer and fuller educational experience. By involving students in college activities and uniting them with the faculty and the administration, Commerce Council seeks to assist in the ongoing operations of the college, as well as special events and programs to improve the college and the educational and professional opportunities of its students. During its 12 years, the council has undertaken activities that keep with its broad mission.

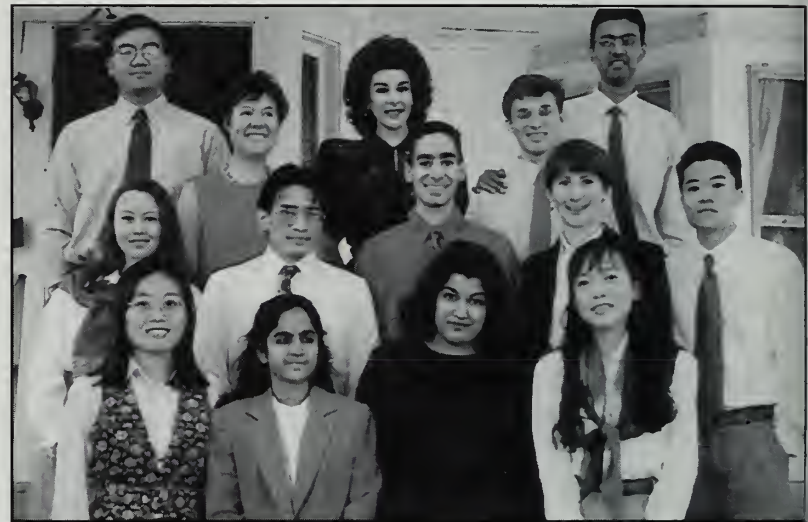


Commerce Council: First Row: Robert Waldschmidt, Karl Hammond, Scott Hirsch. Second Row: Dorothy Waniak, Alice Waldoff, Erin Shields, Michael Klesowitch. Not Pictured: Christine Flores.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

THE COSMOPOLITAN CLUB at the **University of Illinois** is the **oldest international organization on the** UIUC campus, and has been serving the needs of American and international students since 1907. Their purpose is to cultivate social and intellectual relationships among persons of different nations through a variety of activities and services, all of which are open to all students of the University as well as to interested staff and members of the community.

Students Living at the Cosmopolitan Club: First Row: Shu-Fen Chen (Taiwan), Sajini Guntur (India), Sejal Patel (Canada), Kazumi Ohira (Japan). Second Row: Emi Georgievna Kokhaikava (Russia), Juilo Urbina (Peru), Philip Cyrus Fanapour (USA), Karin Plaichner (Austria), John Qian (USA). Third Row: Mike Han (USA); Frederique Bichat (France); Andrea Shields, Club Coordinator (USA); Joseph Patrick Sullivan (USA); Pratik Singh (India).



HORTICULTURE CLUB

THE HORTICULTURE CLUB is composed of students in several majors such as Horticulture, Ornamental Horticulture, and Landscape Architecture, although it is open to all students with an interest in horticulture. The Hort Club is responsible for the Mom's Day flower show every spring, where one can browse through the display garden as well as purchase a variety of plant material. The Hort Club also runs sales and other activities like the Fall Cider Sale, Christmas Wreath Sale, Valentine's Day Sale, and an outreach program where members visit nursing homes and schools to teach the art of floral design and gardening.

Horticulture Club 1996-97: First Row: Jessica Knepp, Mollie Giffin, Rebecca Bonnan, Alan Perskinson, Beth Stebbins, Scott Mozingo. Second Row: Allison Eyring, Travis Schroeder, Jill Tyler, Kathryn Dieter, Amanda Sosnoski, Tara Bhuthimethee, Matt Raymond, Karen VonQualen, Douglas Williams. Third Row: Matt Kregel, Tillie Bruss, Alison Brozak, Laurel Barmore, Colleen Fritz, Kathryn Sadowski, Vanessa Gage, Beth Smith, Jill Van Dyne, Heather Sotka, Amy Almasi. Fourth Row: Sara Rexroat, Jeremy Bartel, Tom Lowe, Jim Thompson, Rodney Eichen, Dr. Bon Skirvin, Amanda Frederiksen, Pete Czubak, Joey Schaljo, Sam Schmnitz, Tommy Kelliher, Todd Ford, Scott Sowenski, Dr. Tom Fermanian. Fifth Row: Julie Kerouac, Joe Muehlethaler, Ian Stegherr, Rusty Maulding, Wyatt Sweitzer, Chris Kallal.



pre-law club

THE PRE-LAW Club at the University of Illinois is a registered organization designed to inform students about law school and the application process, as well as to discuss the different fields of law and how they affect student's lives. This was a great year for the club as it improved its web page, which has an interactive calendar of events, links to many of the ABA approved law schools around the nation, and special sections designed to fit the interests of Pre-Law Club members. They also offer qualification for membership in Phi Alpha Delta, the Pre-Law Honorary and hold a Mock LSAT under the conditions of the real test. The Pre-Law Club holds



monthly meetings with speakers from different areas of the legal profession and related fields. Other benefits of the Pre-Law Club include The Gavel, the Pre-Law Club's newsletter, which features articles about club activities, law school information and news about current issues in the legal profession.

Pre-Law Club Executive Board: First Row: Marci Rolnik, Laura Chambers, Mikki Miller, Shaza Kahn. Second Row: Heather Wlodeck, Heather Fritch, Lydia Lim, Carmen Gioiosa. Third Row: Sam Gallo, Neha Sampat, Julia Warner, Dr. Stephen Shafer, Annette Espino, Priya Jenveja, Aaron Dyer.

Weightlifting Illini

THE WEIGHTLIFTING ILLINI mission statement is to promote health and fitness through weightlifting, and to educate via presentations on total body fitness. In its sixth year, the club caters to the U of I student that is serious about lifting weights. In addition to the use of Kenney Gym during prime hours, the club is a community of students willing to help one another achieve their weight training goals, fostering an atmosphere of positivity and encouragement. They encourage interested students of all skill levels to join.



The Weightlifting Illini: First Row: Kenneth R. Kocolowski, Richard W. Beaucaire, Gary W. Stephens, Kevin L. Fuller. Second Row: Peter M. Czubak, Tommy M. Kelliher, Nathan J. Boebel, Christopher M. Meilinger, Christopher Clements, Joseph J. Lachica. Not pictured: Waqar Ahmed, James L. Bosiljevac, Andrew J. Castelein, Anthony V. Cincinelli, Robert C. Conlon, Michael P. Czarnota, Nicole M. Davros, Jonathon D. Gombis, Joel C. Gordon, Jason M. Gow, Craig P. Gowin, Matthew R. Greenberg, Ryan Harlaugh, Terence A. Horstman, Samuel Y. Huang, Kohl S. Kershnik, Laura M. Lakota, Christopher A. McCue, Laura A. Mindock, Richard C. Purcell, Gian G. Ricco, Manuel Rivera, Michael S. Rossman, Robert R. Shurig, Douglas J. Sohn, Jennifer A. Sosnowski, Daniel J. Tuerk, Ronald E. Vallow.

Black Greek Council

BLACK GREEK COUNCIL is composed of the historically African-American fraternities and sororities on the University of Illinois campus and serves as the governing council for these organizations. In addition to annual projects such as their

Thanksgiving Food Drive, Black Greek Council has also co-sponsored events like the Delta Sigma Theta-Alpha Phi Alpha 12th Annual Ritual, the Sister-Sister program sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta in conjunction with Sigma Gamma Rho and Delta Sigma Theta to promote AIDS awareness and the joint GBC, IFC and Panhellenic Council forum on Greek unity and the future of Greek-letter organizations sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. One of the highlights of their school year is the annual Stepdwn competition, held each April, in which the fraternities and sororities compete using innovative steps, dances and choreography.

Black Greek
Council
Executive Board:
First Row:
Lorren Cotton,
Treasurer.
Second Row:
Mikkal Harris,
President; Sean
Taylor,
Secretary; Larry
Fenner, Sergeant
at Arms.





Black Greek Council Fraternities and Sororities: First Row: Keisha Graves, Marlita Ingram, Suzanne Beaudoir, Kandreia Daniels, Awet Gebrehiwet, Tracy Mitchell, Danielle Smith, Lorren Cotton. Second Row: Natasha Posey, Natalie Hubbard, Nikki Mitchell, Katrina Polk, Rene Murray, Sydney Stewart, Tawana Willis. Third Row: Christopher Nolar, Robert Rodgers, Darrick Hooker, Larry Fenner, Alfred Norman, Brian Dawson, William Morris, Abdul Levy, John Bennett, Edrick Harris. Fourth Row: Louis Lee, Terrance L. Stevenson, Mikkal Harris, David Dover, Jeff Carodine, Lorenzo Gholston, Ismail Turray, Jr., Sean Taylor.



Black Greek Council Sororities: First Row: Keisha Graes, Marlita Ingram, Suzanne Beaudoin, Kandraia Daniels, Awet Gebrehiwet, Tracy Mitchell, Danielle Smith, Lorren Cotton. Second Row: Natasha Posey, Natalie Hubbard, Nikki Mitchell, Katrina Polk, Rene Murray, Sydney Stewart, Tawana Willis.



Black Greek Council Fraternities: First Row: Christopher Nolar, William Morris, Brian Dawson, Abdul Levy, John Bennett, Edrick Harris. Second Row: Jeff Carodine, Terrance L. Stevens, Mikkal Harris, Lorenzo Gholston, Isail Turray, Jr., David Dover, Sean Taylor, Larry Fenner, Robert Rodgers, Darrick Hooker, Alfred Norman.

Women's Soccer Club

FOR THE SIXTH straight year the Illini Women's Soccer Club, under head coach Scott Wilson, advanced to the national tournament in Austin, Texas after finishing the regular season with a 16-2-2 record. After the loss of seven starters from the previous year's team, the 1996-97 team relied on a mix of incoming freshman and returning players to compile

their best-ever regular season record. "It was great to see how quickly everyone can get together as a team in order to have such a successful season," stated senior co-captain Joy Ehlenfeldt. The Illini used a balanced attack to outscore their opponents by a more than seven to one margin, led by senior Stephanie Smith and freshman sensation Julie Green. Green attributes her scoring success to her tenacious efforts and the fact that "I just never let anyone get in my way and if I'm going down, so are they." The defense was anchored by senior co-captain Kate Reynolds, a four year starter at stopper, and goalies Erica Loeschl and Amy Bessette. "I was really confident in the abilities of the defense. They consistently denied the other team's offensive attacks," stated Loeschl. Outside attacker Jessica Lemke was a freshman sensation in her own right. In the words of Smith, "In all my years of collegiate soccer, I have never played against a back as tough as Jess." Soccer was not just a lot of hard work for this team, it was also fun. Even on days the team was rained off the field, they still found ways to have a good time. Freshman Leah Pyter said, "I loved the days that we would go play basketball for conditioning and I could just let loose. That was fun." The team's depth was exemplified by freshman goalie/forward Bessette. While in the goal Bessette had a 0.3 goals allowed per game average and when playing forward scored four goals a game. "It had been a long time since I played up front, and I couldn't have scored without the help of my teammates Joy Ehlenfeldt and Tracy Chamberlain," Bessette said. Overall the season was a huge success. Wilson states, "I've never coached a team with such a great work ethic. They always had their gear on and were ready to start five minutes before practice."



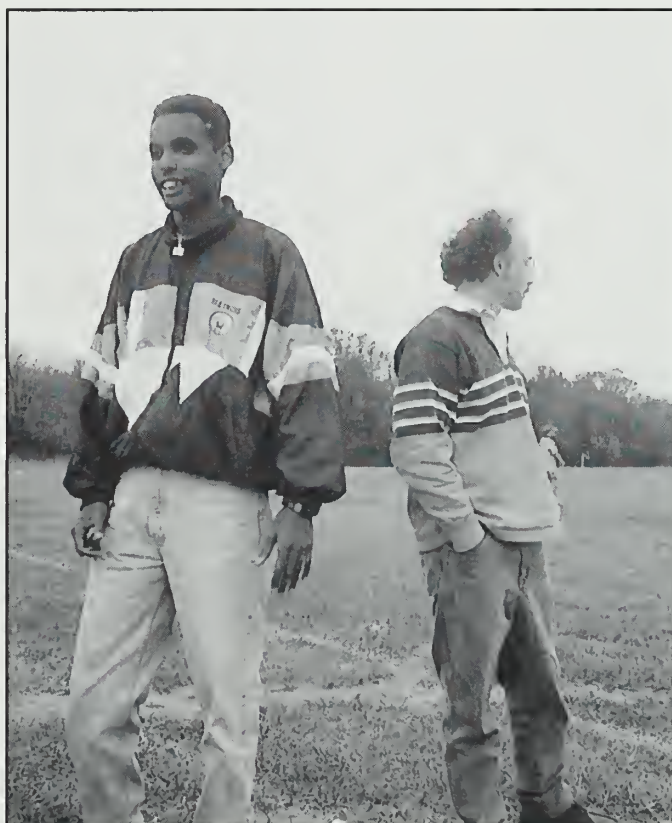
Starters chill on the bench while the freshman proceed to role over WIU.



Julie Green chuckles, "two for a take down"



Women's Soccer Club: First Row: Erica Loechl, Amy Bessette. Second Row: Leanne Taccona, Jeanine Winisterfer, Jodi Pass, Colleen Everson, Missy Kann, Christy Costible. Third Row: Brenna Butler, Amy Nordbrock, Kate Reynolds, Joy Ehlerfeldt. Fourth Row: Sarah Mitchell, Tracy Chamberlain, Kristin Bergschneider, Leah Pyter, Kim Russo, Julie Green.



As super senior Tracy Chamberlain sneaks up on the ball she thinks, "Custard Cup sounds good right about now."

Dr. Ghaim and Dr. Wilson plot new strategies for the awesome Illini.

american society of civil engineers

THE UNIVERSITY OF Illinois student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers is one of the largest in the nation, with over 300 active

members. Besides providing opportunities for Civil Engineering students to get to know one another outside of the classroom, ASCE promotes student interaction with professors and professional engineers. Through guest speakers, field trips, and a mentoring program, student members learn about their future role in the profession of civil engineering. ASCE allows members to

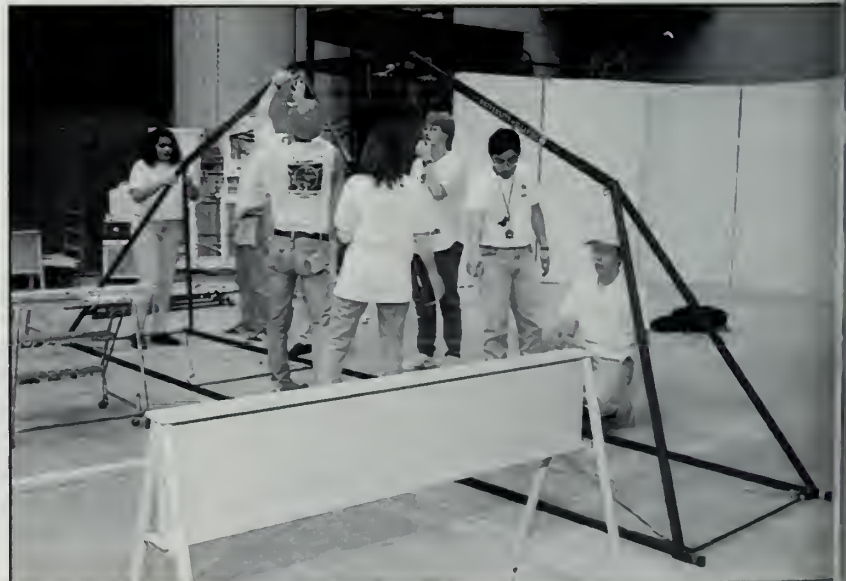
practice the design skills learned in the classroom by sponsoring Engineering Open House projects and teams for the national Concrete Canoe and Steel Bridge competitions. Additionally, ASCE is active in community service, intramural sports, and a wide variety of social activities. Through its many activities, the University of Illinois student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers provides students with a vital link to the civil engineering profession.



ASCE Officers: First Row: Aaron Reilly, Matt Sudduth, Rob Stadler, Gerald Rosario. Second Row: Heidi Mulderink, Sarah Podorsek, Linda Genczo, Cecilia Chang, Kim Rakers. Third Row: John Kerrigan, Lou Gale, Adam Coomes, Pat Walsh, Professor Carpenter, advisor; Chris Thomas, Keri Nebes.



The Concrete Canoe Team pose by the U of I canoe before the big race.



The Steel Bridge Team works on their entry in a national competition.

EPSILON Delta

EPSILON DELTA IS a student-run

organization on the University of Illinois campus open to anyone who has a genuine interest in the education field. The Alpha chapter was founded November 2, 1989 by a

small group of motivated undergraduates. Since the fall of 1991 the organization has been made up of an executive board, subcommittees, and members that are devoted to preparing themselves and fellow students for the world of teaching. To date, they have approximately 80-100 members attending each meeting twice a month and several hundred still active and associate members. They are a growing organization that seeks to expand the scope of classroom education here at the U of I. As a student run organization they have found the committee's central contribution to be their success. Members have the opportunity to contribute to the programming, fundraising, philanthropy, initiation, social, and publicity aspects of Epsilon Delta. Students get the opportunity to be leaders and make decisions about the future direction of the group.



Epsilon Delta Executive Board: First Row: Grace Jeong, Publicity; Jim Sojoodi, Treasurer; Kristina Castillo, Historian; Jamie Rennick, President; Colleen Davis, Fundraising; Sue Meyers, Philanthropy. Second Row: Rosalie Schmitt, Advisor; Kathy Pagakis, Initiation Chair; Dionne Dent, Treasure-elect; Bill Durbin, Social Chair; Kathy Regan, Vice-President; Michelle LaCognata, Secretary; Mindy Deelsnyder, Historian; Becky Williams, Philanthropy. Not pictured: John Madigan, Recreational Secretary; Sharon Rosen, Initiation Chair; Katie Hlauach, Programming; Susan Kim, Computer Chair; Chanmi Lim, Computer Chair.

These are just a few of Epsilon Delta's dedicated members.

COLLEGE OF ACES Student Council

THE COLLEGE OF ACES Student

Council serves as the governing body Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. It is dedicated to maintaining student representation in the enhancement of educational programs at the University, in addition to providing students with leadership experiences and professional and career development. The Student Council is motivated to recognize and understand diversity in our society, as well as to promote the general welfare of all undergraduate students in the College of ACES.

College of ACES Student Council: First Row: Jessica Armentrout, Jodi Grimes, Hannah Pope, Beth Orr, Jessica Smith, Raquel Lacey. Second Row: Matt Powell, Carolyn Erdman, Gwendolyn Geistler, Keeley Chicos, Grace Tsau, Jeanette Sykora, Brianna Van Dyne. Third Row: Rita Sierens, Holly Hinderliter, Rachel Strode, Holly Maybry, Lisa Gillett, Tammy Kurtenbach. Fourth Row: Noah Litherland, Rob Swinger, Paul Messamore, David Gerstenecker, Brian Reimer, David Albion. Fifth Row: Doug Williams, Tim Gowler, Ryan Tate, Adam Shissler, Paul Mann, Josh Kempel.



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF Agricultural Engineers

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY of Agricultural Engineers is a professional and technical organization dedicated to

advancing the science and application of engineering to agricultural and other biological systems. As a student branch of a worldwide society, ASAE at UIUC helps to develop the leadership, activities and progress vital to the future of Agricultural Engineering. Through ASAE, students meet colleagues with similar professional goals and become acquainted with faculty members. By participating in committee and sitting on the Executive Board, members gain valuable leadership experience.

American Society of Agricultural Engineers Executive Board: First Row: Brad Everett, Julie Beveridge, Jason Abbott, Scott Faulkner. Second Row: Mark Chaney, Steve Rich.



AGribusiness Association

THE U of I Agribusiness Association available to enhance their knowledge of the agribusiness sector. **consists of eighty-two members who** Membership is open to students who are interested in the field of agribusiness. **are interested in the opportunities** The Agribusiness Association is affiliated with the student section of the American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA) and the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA). Members establish contacts with professionals and take advantage of field trips, executives in residence, scholarships, a mentor program, commodity challenge and NAMA marketing project.



The Agribusiness Association: First Row: Tammy Kurtenbach, Bryan Anderson, Chris Oswald, Brad Marten, Beth Marten, Jamie Prestegaard. Second Row: Paula Meeker, Stacy Hinshaw, Jessica Armentrout, Melissa Schilling, Krystal Campbell, Kim Janssen, Janelle Lehmann, Paul Messamore, Scott Brethauer, Dick Marshal. Third Row: Scott Swartzendruber, Dan Stokes, Greg Brown, Colby Hoffman, Nathan Kress, Matt Hill, Jason Dunseth, Mike Downey, Kent Bluniar, David King.

Engineering Council

ENGINEERING COUNCIL IS comprised of ten committees and is the **representative body for 50 student** societies. EC strives to coordinate engineering societies and to provide programs for undergraduate engineering students and for prospective engineering students. Voting membership is comprised of society representatives. Engineering Council committees are open to all interested students.



Engineering Council: First Row: Chris George, Molly Hodgson, Shunsuke Okubo, President Julie Warren, Jeremy Knopow. Second Row: Patrick Eaton, Amanda Veihman, Courtney Acker, Diane Scott, Sarah Dolezal, Benjamin Bachus, Nick Stephens. Not pictured: Mike Wilson.

PSi Chi

PSI CHI AND the Undergraduate Psychological Association (UPA) are the campus clubs for students who are interested in psychology. Psi Chi

is the National Honor Society in Psychology, in which students must meet a specific grade point average and hour requirements to join. UPA is open to any student with an interest in psychology. Currently, the University of Illinois chapter of Psi Chi/UPA has over 200 members. Psi

Chi/UPA offers research opportunities, seminars, and chances for students to meet with professionals in the field of psychology, as well as numerous social events and volunteer activities.

Various members of Psi Chi/UPA get together for a group picture in front of the Psychology Building.



Psi Chi and the Undergraduate Psychological Association Executive Board:
First Row: Kathy Martensen, President; Jaime Orzechowski, Tutoring Chair; Christine Mitchell, Fundraising Chair; Stacy McCarron, Vice-President; Lisa Cho, Newsletter Chair; Paula Blomquist, Board Representative; Ashley Farber, Seminar Chair. Second Row: Katie Berning, Social Chair; Brian Lazarre, Treasurer; Susannah More, Secretary; Michelle Turner, Volunteer Chair; Erin McFarland, Publicity Chair.

Psi Chi/UPA members at the Halloween Funfest held at Memorial Stadium.



Buddy Core

THE BUDDY PROGRAM establishes

relationships between African-American upperclassman, or Big Buddies, and incoming students, or Little Buddies, to help freshman adjust to the University support structures. The Buddy Program sponsors activities throughout the year addressing the social, personal, cultural, and academic needs of freshmen. The activities of the Buddy Program are coordinated by the Buddy Program Core Committee.



Buddy Program Core Under One Nation, Decade of Blackness 10th Anniversary: First Row: Latoya Hughes, Jonathan Projansky, Historian; Nicole L. Williams, Internal Secretary. Second Row: Mary Leach, Asa Gordon, Co-Treasurer; Saranja Andrews, Historian; Carolynn Crump, External Secretary. Third Row: Tony Anderson, Advisor; Kenya M. Leonard, Co-Chair; Derrick Lane, Rukiya Byrd, Matthew Humphries, Andrea Wilson, Co-Chair. Not Pictured: LaToya England, Co-Treasurer.

Star Course

STAR COURSE IS a student-run

concert organization headed by two

Senior Managers and ten Junior

Managers with a staff of about 150 students. The Junior Managers head committees for public relations, ushering, publicity, advertising media, advertising design, office and hospitality, stage and production, tickets and personnel. Star Course has been a University of Illinois organization for over 100 years and began by bringing lecturers, speakers, and big band music, later progressing to plays and rock bands. Currently, Star Course endeavors to bring musical acts that reflect the tastes of the student body.



Star Course: First Row: Matt Dressel, Amy Zupanci, Daryn Peterson, Christine Tanner, Ryan Aubin. Second Row: Megan Calkins, Brian Quigley, Elizabeth Elmore, Q Anakwa, Nikoletta Scarlatis, Amy Russell.

The Girls Next Door

The Girls Next Door is the University of Illinois' oldest female a cappella group.

The Girls Next Door has performed at events on and off campus for more than twenty-six years. Directed and managed by students, the group combines comedy and music as a branch of the Womens' Glee Club.

The Girls Next Door: First Row: Soraya Slymon, Jamie Meyer, Sanja Grolich, Sarah Arthur, Allyson Drinkall. Second Row: Celia Weeks, Rachel Moore, Sarah Smalley.



Women's Glee Club

The Women's Glee Club has been the most advanced undergraduate women's choir since its founding in 1895. The women, led by Dr. Joe Grant, sing at their annual Mom's Day concert, Dad's Day concert, a fall concert, and on tours around the U.S.

Women's Glee Club: First Row: Sara Langley, Sarah Reinert, Anne Gleason, Laura Moglia, Erin Grant, Tristan Toland, Chris Piatek. Second Row: Molly Roller, Cara Giacomini, Jennifer Isenberg, Allyson Drinkall. Third Row: Heather Watt, LaShawn King, Jenny Jansson, Nancy Dziurdzik, Tina Wu. Fourth Row: Jennifer Bryan, Katie Brandt, Robyn Woodbury, Amy Palmreuter, Joanne Chung, Amy Kuebel, Jennifer Korb, Sharon Bender, Kati Lechner, Jocelyn Fischer. Fifth Row: Kara Baier, Karlee Koning, Sarah Arthur, Sarah Smalley, Rachel Moore, Jean Gregory. Sixth Row: Julie Buck, Ranjana Das, Adrienne Key, Amy Krusemark, Maria Moore, Amanda Reavley, Krista Motley, Karen Brook. Seventh Row: Jamie Meyer, Shannon Mueller, Kelley Dale, Aveline Valvano, Laura Shatkus, Marie Graziano. Eighth Row: Emily Bally, Christine Haupt, Anastasia Ravenstein, Leah Glomski. Ninth Row: Amy Hall, Celia Weeks, Lisa Guerra, Soraya Slymon.



RIP Chords

Founded in the fall of 1992, The Rip Chords is a five-member, women's a cappella group. Their repertoire

consists mainly of arrangements of popular radio songs - for example, "Dreams" by The Cranberries, and "Ironie" by Alanis Morrisette. Over the years, the group has become a twelve-member organization, including girls with different backgrounds and a variety of talents. The one thing they have in common is singing! The Rip Chords can be found at all sorts of events on and off campus. Most importantly, their first CD, entitled "Freefall", is coming out in November. The disc will feature their most popular songs.



The Rip Chords:

First Row: Lauriel Dowers, Julie Kim.
Second Row: Kirsten Chidley, Jocelyn Fischer, Jennifer Franklin, Lorena Kurtjian, Marie Graziano, Sharon Goldman, Eileene Coscolluela, Dana Gelfeld, Melanie Leonard, Christina Harris, Jill Turley.

Men's Glee Club

The University of Illinois' Varsity Men's Glee Club was established in 1886 and is the oldest singing group on campus. In

its 110 year history, the Men's Glee Club has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe. The club consists of 80 men with a variety of majors and interests. The Men's Glee Club is also proud to recognize its new director, Dr. Barrington Coleman.



Men's Glee Club: First Row: Arthur Bishop, Mark Greenberg, Keith Coughlin, Bob Abrams. Second Row: Dr. Barrington Coleman, Director; Branden Fantozzi, Kevin Rock, Andrew Sawula, Fernando Malvar-Ruiz, Assistant Director. Third Row: Emric Soto, Brian Spry, Stanley Gee, Scott Catlett, James Jones II, James Schneider. Fourth Row: R. Brian Stolarczyk, Jeremy Hilborn, Aaron Kielbasa, Brian Siedband, Robert Ziemba, Marc Teer. Fifth Row: Brian Jones, Clifton Chang, James Hancock, Jeff Sapyta, Ryan Fox, Todd Coe. Sixth Row: Harman Jordan, Brian Johnson, Mark Chu, Nathaniel Koschmann, Shane Upton, Michael Carrillo. Seventh Row: Brian Niebuhr, Chris Abbott, Matt MacFayden, Patrick Frank, Chris Kelly, Dan Glaenger. Eighth Row: Brad Gould, Vince Scalabrino, Jason Rosenbaum, Marc Beth, Brian Dickhut, Tim Carlson. Ninth Row: Aaron Stash, John Barnes, Andrew Haning, Adam Wengert, Ryan Behling, Dave Wagmer. Tenth Row: Adrian Agresta, Aaron Chusid, Justin Strackany, Adam Schlipmann, Pete Schroeder, Jeremy Fischer. Not Pictured: Joel Coffey, Dave Drengenber, Dave Drengenber, Dave Grube, Michael Harter, James Johnson, Adam Kahan, Andrew Kaufmann, Andrew Krier, Joey Lott, Ben Luginbuhl, Daniel Mueller, Mark Neifing, Geoffrey Raye, Ryan Rimington, Bryan Segebart, Troy Shawg, Dan Svaboda, Russell Todd.

Ma Wan Da

MA WAN DA is an honorary society that recognizes seniors who have displayed excellence in leadership positions,

activities, academics and service to the community. When the organization was founded in 1912, Ma Wan Da was only for men, but in 1986 it merged with Shorter Board and became co-educational. This year, Ma Wan Da members have focused on passing on knowledge that they have gained through their experiences at the University of Illinois to freshmen students.



Some of Ma Wan Da members pose in a group.

The Executive Board gets together for a picture in the Union.



Student Alumni Homecoming Exec.

HOMECOMING EXEC. COORDINATED

the homecoming events for the University which included Lunch on

the Quad, 5K Run, Pep Rally, Taste of Homecoming, Pop-A-Shot, and Come on the Quad. Student Alumni Association along with any other interested organizations boosts tradition, spirit and pride during this exciting week.

Homecoming Executive Board:

First Row: Ann Smith, Panhellenic; Molly Tarter, Schem; Kathy Zerbe, Schem; Angela Geppinger, SAA; Jen Marble, SAA; Ali Martinez, SAA; Priya Lelc, SAA; Christie Mathieson, SAA; Shelly Benson, Advisor. Second Row: Chris Benedict, SAA; Erich Schott, IFC; Jim Conneely, SAA; Ryan Gehlson, Illini Pride; Jeffrey Rutan, Circle K; Tom Foley, SAA; Deanna McClung, SAA; Josh McKey, SAA. Not pictured: Mary Hollper, Laura Zerbe, Heather Schlafler, Chad Sellman, Kim Sutton, Kelly Rankin.



Stratford House

STRATFORD HOUSE IS an
interdenominational women's house
affiliated with the Baptist Student

Foundation. The house represents cooperative living. They cook,
clean and running the house by working together. The women of
Stratford House desire to grow and encourage one another in Christ.



Stratford House: First Row: Kathy Gillespie, Aymee Clever, Kristin Ferry, Amy Christin, Jennifer Ridder, Jennifer Alms, Jill Einfeldt. Second Row: Cheryl Trotter, Emily Hutchins, April Moore, Susan Kite, Ivanna Baccarella. Third Row: Kelly Busby, Angela Hofbauer, Tanya Clausius, Tanya Maybeery, Rachel Jordan, Alison Gibb, Maureen Mojica. Fourth Row: Maureen Rounds, Katie Farnsworth, Kristi Scott, Amalia Ehresmann, Tarya Orpet, Hope Jacobsen. Fifth Row: Amy Lundquist, Alison Frazee, Lyndsey Daniel, Lisa Einfeldt, Susan Hanson, Elissa Peppers.

Diandra Fleming, Kathy Gillespie, Cheryl Trotter, Tanya Clausius, Alison Gibb, Jennifer Alms, Kristin Ferry and Emily Hutchins talk about their day before dinner.



Stratford House is located on Daniel Street in Champaign.

Illinois Student Government

THE ILLINOIS STUDENT Government

officially represents the student body at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. ISG offers a blend of services and projects to enhance students' lives on campus. The goal of their organization is to maintain effective and efficient communication with the UIUC administration, government officials, representatives of the news media and others to ensure that the views and interests of the students are understood. ISG consists of an executive board, elected assembly and committee members. All UIUC students - undergraduate, graduate and professional - can become involved in all areas. The executive officers and assembly, elected each spring in campus-wide election, represent student views in weekly ISG meetings. The committee system allows non-elected students an influential avenue into ISG decision-making.



Illinois Student Government poses for a group picture at the Illini Union.



The Executive Board conducts a weekly meeting in the Pine Lounge of the Illini Union.



Big Ten members at the '96 Association of Big Ten Schools Conference.

ISG members still muster a smile after a grueling budget battle.



Tiny Tangora and Ngozi Okorafor are still friends after a stressful meeting.



Joe Wiedman, Leslie Sweet and Adam Johnson prove they are dedicated assembly members by sticking around for a picture after the meeting.

Native American Student Organization

NASO WAS FOUNDED in 1992 to encourage students to come together regarding Native American student

concerns. NASO provides an opportunity for Native American students to share the diversity of their Nations' cultures with each other and the rest of UIUC population. They sponsored the first annual Circle of Honor Pow-Wow this past September. Continued student and University support will raise awareness of the value and importance of Native American students to this community and university.

Native American Student Organization (NASO): First Row: Karen Roberts Strong, President; Aimee Mendoza, Secretary; Mary Kate Dennis. Second Row: Wallace Strong, Derrick Fouts, Treasurer; Bill Winneshiek, Vice President; Brian Rainer, Faculty Advisor. Not pictured: Lynette Benson, Carolyn Birmingham, Courtney Glover, Joe Gone, Annette Lee, John McKinn, Joshua Meeks, Debbie Reese, Kenneth Schuster, Shannon Silverman, Victoria Wade.



Shi-Ai

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SHI-AI IS a sophomore honorary which promotes inter-sorority unity and positive relations between campus

women. In addition, Shi-Ai honors those women who have been recognized as outstanding new members of their chapters. Their goal is to plan programs that encompass all of Panhellenic and focus on inter-sorority relations such as philanthropies, sporting tournaments, community service and social events.

Shi-Ai Members: Terri Malec, Susie Toth, Susan Mueller, Tory Storm, Julie Friedman, Katie Gold, Eryn Gangi, Heather Harper, Martha Bailey, Kristen Evans, Carrie Slaymaker, Lindsey West, Lauren Doughty, Andrea Pesce, Maria Berardi, Kerri Glennon, Amy Johnson, Amanda Popp, Diane Deegan, Lynette Kozak, Hilda Arenas, Bridget Evans, Kim Lester, Alison Plumor, Melissa Phillips, Beth Ploiss, Katie Anderson, Jamie Gomey, Carrie Doyorlor, Jon Lewandowski, Jen Maslowski, Tara Spangler, Heidi Norson, Julia Hornoly, Karen Pilchor, Janet Pansa, Beth Rogers, Ali McKay, Katie Vahle, Lizzie Gibbons, Dale Klein, Alicia Mandujano, Wandy Ortiz, Alison Kahoo, Dori Stablos



Student Advancement Committee

THE STUDENT ADVANCEMENT Committee was founded to coordinate and host activities to raise support to

benefit the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. They work with a variety of individuals, such as alumni, faculty, students, area merchants, and administrative staff. Each year, SAC is involved with the College of ACES' Pavilion Party, UI Foundation Weekend, and Phone-A-Thon, to name a few. Aside from the many College of ACES events, SAC also holds social events, such as their Halloween and Christmas parties.



Student Advancement Committee: First Row: Jeana McAllister, Matt Powell, Genefer Brashear, Jodi Grimes, Kim Hammond, Cara Friedline, Susan Mueller, Jessica Armentrout, Natalie Masks. Second Row: Allyn Buhrow, Kristi Kinett, Brian Reiner, Ryan Aupperle, Holly Hinderliter, Heather Jones. Third Row: Bryan Anderson, Rita Sierens, Allison Cobb, Amy Bunselmeyer, Bradley Wolter, Michael Dare, Jason Dunseth. Fourth Row: Jason Logsdon, Ryan Tate, Ryan Wilson, Joe Webel, Brian Deverman, Kara Ooms, Jessica Smith.



Anita Povich and Jodi Grimes look up to pose for a picture at the 1996 NAADA Conference.



SAC members serve food to alumni at the College of ACES Pavilion Party.

Technograph

THE ILLINOIS TECHNOGRAPH was the independent engineering magazine of the University of Illinois and is part of the Illini Media Company. The magazine featured articles about people in engineering, engineering research and topics of interest to engineering students. Four regular issues of the *Illinois Technograph* were published each year. Additionally, two special issues, the Engineering Open House Guide and the Engineering Survival Guide for new students were published in the Spring. The staff, composed entirely of students, worked together to produce and sell the award-winning magazine.



Illinois Technograph: First Row: Joetta Bohman, Tony Mule, Hiren Thakar, Johanna Canniff, Mike Kaminski. Second Row: Dan Bailey, Dar-Lon Chang, Todd Manchester, Aaron Levinson, Stan Kelman.

Hiren Thakar, Joetta Bohamn, Todd Manchester, Tony Mule, Mike Kaminski and Dar-Lon Chang gather to discuss an issue of the magazine. The *Illinois Technograph* worked on covering issues that were important to engineering students.



Alpha Zeta

THE FRATERNITY OF Alpha Zeta
was founded November 4, 1897,
on the campus of Ohio State
University located in Columbus,

Ohio. Three years later, the Morrow Chapter of Alpha Zeta was chartered at the University of Illinois on June 1, 1900. Alpha Zeta served as a professional service and agricultural honorary fraternity.

Members were selected from students who demonstrated superior leadership and dedicated service to agriculture in the fullest sense. The Morrow Chapter's main project was working with area schools to educate in the fields of agriculture.



Alpha Zeta: First Row: Rebecca Rozzi, junior in Crop Science; Bart Zuber, senior in Environmental Science; David Dorn, senior in Crop Science; Rob Wilson, senior in Animal Science; David Gerstenecker, senior in Agricultural Engineering; Nicole Flowers, junior in Crop Science. Second Row: Julie Wetzel, Graduate Advisor in Crop Science; Sarah Moore, senior in Dietetics; Heather Jones, senior in Agricultural Economics; Tammy Kurtenback, senior in Agricultural Economics; Stephanie Luehr, junior in Forestry.



Dana Renken and David Dorns sit and sell mugs for an ACES fundraiser.

Air Force ROTC

THE MISSION OF the Air Force ROTC is to produce leaders for the Air Force and build better citizens for America. Air Force ROTC is a four-year officer

commissioning program with opportunities to experience Air Force life between each academic year at Field Training or through Professional Development Training Programs at Air Force bases across the United States. Detachment 190 places a strong emphasis on academic and leadership excellence, in addition to physical fitness and high esprit de corps. Juniors and seniors in the Professional Officer Course lead the Corps of Freshmen and Sophomores in the General Military Course. The Wing is over 140 cadets strong. Upon successful completion of the program, cadets are commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Air Force. Detachment 190 continues to help Air Force people build the world's most respected Air and Space Force-Global Power and Reach for America.



Air Force ROTC, The Wing Staff: Carmine E. Crow, Scott C. Linck, Matthew E. Lewin, Dawn A. Lawrence, Douglas C. Patton.



The POC Cadets take some time out from their busy schedule to pose for a picture.



The GMC Cadets.

ARMY ROTC

ARMY ROTC IS one of the oldest organizations at U of I and has been here since the University was established. Army ROTC commissions at least 20 cadets as Second Lieutenants each year. For training each semester, they spend a weekend at a training center to practice squad and platoon tactics. Between these junior and senior years, cadets spend six weeks at Fort Lewis, Washington, to be evaluated.



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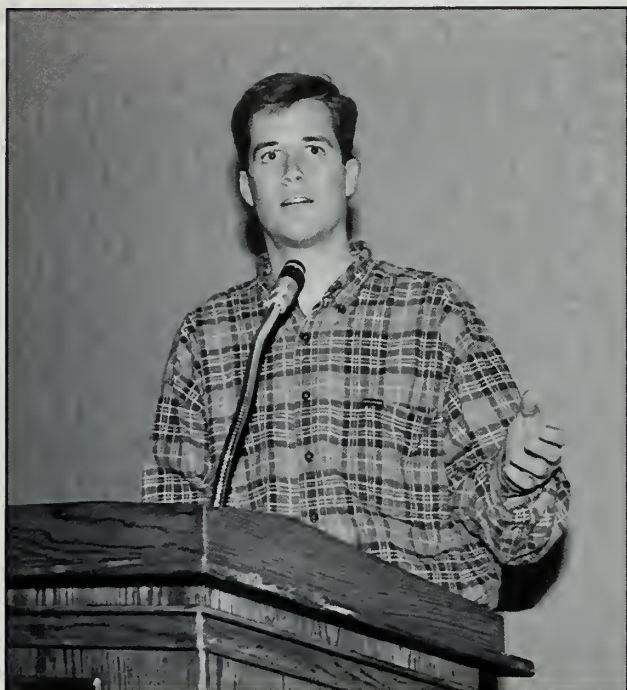
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE of Chemical Engineers provides interact with others in their field and
an opportunity for chemical engineering undergraduate to

learn more about their chosen career path. Activities this year included participation in Engineering Open House, travel to AIChE conferences, presentations by members of the industry, trips to area industries and social gatherings. AIChE offers interaction with both professional chemical engineers as well as other chemical engineering majors.

American Institute of Chemical Engineers:
 First Row:
 Elizabeth George,
 Hiren Thakar.
 Second Row:
 Bryant Swanson,
 Karl Putz,
 Chris Harris, Tom Barich.



Wallace stUdent trustee



Todd Wallace addresses the Illinois Student Government Assembly with some concerns of University of Illinois students.

**WHEN STUDENTS
HAVE SOMETHING
IMPORTANT ON
THEIR MIND OR
NEED
SOMETHING THEY
CAN'T GET
THEMSELVES, THEY
CAN TURN TO
TODD WALLACE.**

Students who would like to see change at the U of I but did not have the means to make change themselves have a friend in Todd Wallace. • As a student trustee at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for the 1996-97 school year, Todd's job was that of a public servant for the students. On a day-to-day basis, the student trustee worked with students to help make the campus a better place to learn and live. • Todd also attended the monthly meetings of the U of I Board of Trustees, working with the nine members of the board as well as with the student trustees from the Springfield and Chicago campuses. At these meetings, the trustees made decisions that affected all members of the University of Illinois community. As the representative of the students at U of I's largest campus, Todd's suggestions were invaluable in the decision-making process of the trustees. • One of Todd's top priorities as student trustee was bringing groups together in an effort to make the campus a more close-knit community. During his tenure as student trustee, Todd worked closely with several campus organizations, hoping that the groups could work together toward common goals. • Todd had also worked with the trustees at the other two U of I campuses in an effort to pool the resources of the three branches of the University of Illinois. Eventually, Todd would like to see programs created across the three campuses, including the ability to take classes at one campus and have the credits count toward graduation at another campus. This would allow students at the Urbana-Champaign campus to take advantage of the many opportunities available in Springfield and Chicago. • Todd felt that he had been fortunate to serve as the student trustee at UIUC, and he hopes the work he had done over the year improved the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign for everyone who lived and worked here.



Meetings were certainly not an uncommon occurrence in Wallace's day. Here he meets with other students to discuss campus concerns.



Odd Wallace spends a lot of his time talking with other student leaders. Here he talks with Richard Rockton, SORF Chair, about funding issues.

The Kappa Sigma Fire the Roof is on fire

Fraternity members were forced to move out of the Kappa Sigma house, located on Third and Daniel. Faulty electrical wiring caused the fire to break out on the top two floors.



-Charles Cass

THE MEMBERS OF KAPPA SIGMA REALIZED THAT A FIRE COULD DESTROY MORE THAN WALLS. THEY LEARNED IT COULD TAKE AWAY MEMORIES AND THE COMFORTS OF HOME.

College students quickly learned that 99 percent of the time a fire alarm is the result of faulty wiring or a drunk joke. But it was that one percent that had the potential to turn lives upside down. This was a lesson that the members of the Kappa Sigma fraternity would never forget. • Soon after 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, fire broke out in the Kappa Sigma house at 211 E. Daniel in Champaign. Firefighters responded to the scene, and in a matter of minutes the fire was out. Those few minutes were all it took to cause significant damage. • Although fire damage was limited to the top two floors, the first floor and basement sustained damage due to water and smoke. The house was rendered unlivable. • The fire was caused by faulty electrical wiring in a lamp. No one was home in the room where the fire broke out, but Kevin Tusing, junior in CBA, was sleeping in the next room. He sustained second degree burns on his hands and shoulders and lacerations on his feet in his attempt to escape. • "It is amazing how quickly things change," said Paul Valaitis, junior in LAS. "One minute I was at lab and the next minute the house was gone. No one had a chance to even go to class. Normal everyday life was completely turned around." • Once the fire was out, the Kappa Sigs had to find somewhere to live. They found that place in an unused fraternity house at 1105 S. Fourth St. in Champaign. • "It made things a little less difficult when we all got moved into the same house," said Chris Fidler, senior in Engineering. "It would have been terrible if we were split up." • But it was not just the physical structure that was damaged. • "When I found out, I was sad that all of the memories were gone," said Chris Wiedner, senior in Engineering. "Someone had carved a '96' on one of the walls. It was stuck there forever, and now it was gone." • Greek houses were often viewed as competing with one another. But in their time of need, Kappa Sigs found the support of the community overwhelming. • "The reaction from the other houses was awesome," Valaitis said. "It helped everyone cope. People brought over food, they invited us over to dinner; competition between houses disappeared. Everyone came together to help us. No one had prejudices." • The house at 211 E. Daniel was built in 1911, and for the most part it remained intact. It will be the same structure, but the inside will have a lot of structural work done. • "Each room had a story," Valaitis said. "When they stripped the wood there was stuff written on the concrete from the '60s. All that gave the house character was taken away. But we will do it again." • Story by Mary Ann Luby



-Daily Illini file photo

Refighters responded quickly and put out the fire in a matter of minutes. There was still significant damage to the house.



Kappa Sigs ended up living in an unused fraternity house at 1105 S. Fourth Street.

-Charles Cass

The Christian men of **Koinonia**

The men of Koinonia live it up at a home game. Koin Block is one event members look forward to every year and appear to have fun even when it is raining out.



Koinonia Christian Cooperative House moved to a new home at 308 E. Daniel for the fall of 1994. It was originally founded in 1952 by the Baptist Church to provide certified housing for undergraduate Christian men on the campus. The new facility houses 36 men, ranging from freshmen to seniors. • Koinonia is a cooperative house, meaning that the members do all of the work to maintain the house from day to day. They have internally elected officers that oversee operations and handle problems as they arise. Koinonia is so much more than the building they live in: it's the people who live there. The Christian men of the house come from many different social and denominational backgrounds. They bond together during their college years, most staying at Koinonia for all four years. The men of Koin feel that living at their house is an incredible experience because they know the people they live with have the same basic faith and morals. Further, they feel over the year they have struggled with the same issues as other students and have members with the same faith give them an extra boost when they need it most. Like other certified housing facilities on the campus, members of Koin have many opportunities to participate in events such as intramurals. Finally, many friendships made at Koin have lasted a lifetime, and the close brotherhood is a life impacting experience.

EVERY YEAR A GROUP OF MEN MOVE IN TOGETHER BECAUSE THEY ARE ALL CHRISTIAN. THEY LEARN THAT EVEN WITH THE SAME RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND, THEY ARE DIFFERENT.



Koinonia House: First Row: Adam Hickey, Jeff Thornton, Ryan Youngblood, Josh Parker, Wesley Broquard, Scott Andrews, Chris Ailoto, Andy Cox, James Oliver, John Hodel, Chris Lehman. Second Row: Darin Kennelly, John Brody, Andy Weaver, Issac Wofford, Jay Edwards, Scott Lee, P.J. DeWitt, Scott Brunson, Warren Raquel, Geoff Bednar, Ryan Daulton, Jed Ramsey, David Sowers. Third Row: David Rounds, Paul Pritts, Kris Engelson, Brent Westermeyer. Fourth Row: Andy Parker, Jonathon Pickell, Tim Wilson, Cary Theivagt, John Enarson, Mike Swanson, Mike Fox, Brock Angelo.



Koinonia members get together and take a fall camping trip to Kickapoo State Park.



A group of Koin men lounge around on a canoe trip at Turkey Run State Park.



Koinonians get a look at the campus at the annual summer picnic.

Delta

Xi Phi

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Rely on each other



The women of Delta Xi Phi pose at a park near campus. The sorority that stressed diverse representation in membership was founded in 1994.

THE SORORITY DELTA XI PHI TRIES TO PLACE AN EMPHASIS ON MULTICULTURALISM BY ACCEPTING MEMBERS OF ALL RACES AND EMBRACING THEIR DIFFERENCES.

Over the years, Greek organizations on campus have been criticized for lack of diverse representation in membership. Nevertheless there were Greek groups on campus which were specifically founded on the basis of promoting multiculturalism. • Delta Xi Phi, a sorority founded on April 20, 1994, was unique to the U of I Greek system in that its central purposes were to promote multicultural awareness, the advancement of women through higher education and community service, and achieving sisterhood and friendship — the latter being consistent with the purposes of other sororities on campus. • "There's a wide range of ethnicities that you can actually see being represented," said Internal Vice-President Terecita Gomez, junior in CBA. • "That's what really makes us different." • According to graduate student Hanadi Abukhdeir, who was one of the founding mothers, another aspect that distinguished Delta Xi Phi from other Greeks was size. • "We're a lot smaller and more close-knit because of that, I think," Abukhdeir said. • Delta Xi Phi was officially recognized by the U of I Panhellenic Council on April 20, 1995. According to Yvonne Alvarez, senior in LAS, who was president and one of the founder the founding process was special because it was based on the principles that the founders held personally or did not find in other sororities they rushed. • "We were all looking for a sorority that promoted diversity, but that was one thing we rarely saw on campus," Alvarez said. • As a result, Delta Xi Phi was established and according to Abukhdeir, the standards remained high. • We try not to segregate ourselves and try to be open to other cultures. I think that's part of why we're unique," she said. • As far as living in house together, there was still more planning to be done. • "We hope to get one soon before the end of the century," Gomez said. In the meantime, the active members looked forward to further expansion and welcoming the new pledge class. • "I hope we become even more diverse than we are already and that it expands further to other campuses," Abukhdeir said. "I hope the new members that come in will uphold our original purpose and goals and also do what they want to make Delta Xi Phi better."

Members strived to expand and improve their organization. • By Sheowting Lu



Looking at the faces of these Delta Xi Phi members it is easy to see that many different ethnic backgrounds are represented.



The women of Delta Xi Phi pose on a jungle gym. Here it is easy to see they had a small number of members which was one of the things that made the sorority stand out from other Greek houses during the 1996-97 school year.

GREEKS



-Pete MacKay

This display shows many of the personalized items available to Greeks. Members of houses were often required to purchase anything from T-shirts to water bottles.

Do GREEKS HAVE ALL THE FUN?

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Mike Collins
junior in ALS

"Toga! Toga! Toga!"
Unfortunately, for most people outside of the Greek community, this is the only perception of Greek life they may have. Most people see the

Greek community and fraternity life as nothing but a perpetual cycle of beer-guzzling and girl-chasing jocks who never attended class nor contributed anything substantial back to the community. It is movies like "Animal House" and "Revenge of the Nerds" that gave rise to these popular stereotypes and myths. While one cannot deny that members of the Greek community do have their share of fun, just as any college student does, there is no doubt that being a member of the Greek system was the best choice available not only for bettering yourself, but for participating in the surrounding community as well.

On a campus the size of the U of I, fraternities and

sororities provided a sound foundation for students to make lifelong friendships. I can personally say the friendships founded in a fraternity were stronger and longer-lasting than any friendships made in class or the dorms. The U of I had a long history of proud diversity amongst its student population with students from all corners of the globe. For many, fraternities and sororities become a second family. Most of the Greek members came together just as any family would for an evening meal. It was these types of values and unity only the Greek community provided to its members. Fraternities and sororities functioned as a cohesive group of individuals. This was why they contributed

to the community so well. Fraternities and sororities improved the academic standing of members as well. Most houses set a minimum GPA average which was necessary to continue membership. I felt confident and relieved I could always rely on my brothers to help me prepare for my classes or study for exams. Most of the time an older member had taken the same class and was able to assist other members in their studies.

Aside from the family-like atmosphere and the excellent academic standards, Greek-life provided an excellent outlet for social functions. Being a member of the Greek community provided opportunities to experience all facets of life. Experiences such as working with members of Inter-Fraternity Council and several deans and professors were provided solely to the Greek community. Through teaming up with other sororities and fraternities to sponsor philanthropic events, I have met countless friends and acquaintances. Greek life also provided a relaxed atmosphere like formals, pledge dances and barn dances. These events allowed me to look back on Greek life with pride.

Greek life not only improved the individual, it improved the community as well. Fraternities and sororities had a nationally recognized charitable organization they worked with during the semester. Most fraternities and sororities also do community service in the Champaign-Urbana area. Several

members of the Sigma Pi fraternity volunteered their time coaching youth sport leagues in the Champaign and Urbana Park Districts throughout the school year. These services showed the values which were instilled in the members of the Greek community.

The U of I had the largest Greek community in the nation. It grew to this size because it was productive and beneficial to all that were associated with it. I was extremely proud of Greek life and was grateful I decided to go Greek.

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**Joy Stevenson
Senior in LAS**

The decision to go Greek or remain an independent followed you wherever you went. Kam's was filled with those crazy Greeks and Murphy's was packed with crazy independents. It happened at football games, too. I-Block was mainly independents with school spirit, while fraternity-sorority blocks filled a good remainder of the west-side stands.

But the joy of such a large university was that you got a chance to share your opinion with those you enjoy spending time with, and you were able to

make choices that affected you for the rest of your life. You also got to choose your friends, friends which would hopefully last a lifetime.

I commend Greeks for joining a house, but the schedule was not for me. I did not have the time to go to formals, impromptus, study sessions and all of the other events which they held.

I am also very wrapped up in other social organizations which did not give me even an hour a week to spend in the Greek system. These organizations, many of which have philanthropies and volunteering opportunities as well, looked just as good on a resume as any Greek chapter.

And the money...they had to buy all of those sweatshirts and t-shirts and caps and cups and...the list goes on and on. I would rather spend my money on things like going to Bradley's or seeing a movie.

I had friends who were both Greek and independent and found equally good characteristics in them and enjoyed hanging out with everyone.

Whatever you did on this campus, you should have done it for you, not to buy friends or meet more people, because if you looked around campus, you knew you could meet interesting people almost anywhere.

I was proud of being an independent, just as Greeks were proud of who they were. But as long as you were happy and got the most out of your college career, who cared what everyone else was doing.

* These two extremely happy people could not be tracked down for a photo. Pete MacKay created the photo illustrations.

campus news



October 20: Members of the Epsilon Epsilon Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and the Epsilon Xi chapter of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity distributed free "safe sex" packets on Sweetest Day. Their aim was to promote safe sex through this community service project because of the high rate of STDs on campus.

November 2: Chief protesters gathered in front of Memorial Stadium for a silent protest of U of I's mascot, Chief Illiniwek. The protest occurred before the Illini's Homecoming game versus Iowa. The protesters bore signs which read, "Racial stereotypes dehumanize" and "What if the Pope was a mascot." Many protesters were members of the Native American community and campus organizations.

November 10: Diwali Night was celebrated by the Indian Student Association. Diwali Night is the Indian Festival of Lights and is one of the oldest and most sacred holidays of the Hindu world. Musicians played traditional instruments, and Indian students gave presentations including dances and skits. The theme of the night was "Fangroti," the source of the holy Ganges River in the Himalayan Mountains, which provided Indians with a common source of origin for all Indian people.

October 14: Both students and alums debated the symbol of Chief Illiniwek at the Courtyard Cafe in the Union. The debate was sponsored by members of the Progressive Resource/Action Cooperative and People Against Racism to help educate the public on the Chief. Two alums argued against using the Chief as a University symbol as well. They stressed that using the Chief as a symbol was an act of dehumanization of Native American culture. Other U of I graduates debated for the Chief, stating the importance of alumni support that favors the use of Chief Illiniwek as a University symbol. They believed the symbol was one of self-reliance and dignity. The age-old debate will be one which lives on at U of I for many years.



October 21: Greeks Advocating the Mature Management off Alcohol kicked off National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. They held a rally on the Quad which urged students not to drink and drive, and to watch their consumption of alcohol. Yellow ribbons were distributed, which symbolized individuals who died in alcohol related accidents. There was also a candlelight vigil held on October 22, to commemorate victims of drunk drivers. The event was sponsored by the McKinley Health Center.

October 22: Phi Beta Sigma and Sigma Lambda Beta fraternities co-sponsored activities held during Unity Week, which was aimed at strengthening the bond between the African American and Latino communities on campus. A candlelight vigil was held to symbolize the rebirth of programs and activities between the fraternities in the spirit of diversity, which was a principle of both organizations. They also hosted a hip hop/poetry open mic set and an International Taste with a fraternity history and forum.

December 4: The Illini Union Board's Women's Issues committee sponsored its fifth annual "Wreath of Our Wrath," a holiday program to support victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in the Champaign-Urbana community. Green ribbons were tied to the wreaths, which were placed in the Illini Union, symbolizing the support for women and children who were victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. White ribbons were also tied, which symbolized people who survived sexual assault or abuse of any kind.

September 24: The University of Illinois' Panhellenic Council was recognized by the National Panhellenic Council for the award of academic excellence. Panhellenic Council supported academics for members of sororities by requiring quiet study rooms for members and required a 2.0 GPA for women who wished to join a sorority. As a result of these programs, the sorority-wide GPA was higher than the GPA of the entire community of women on campus.

Local News Highlights

JUVENILE CRIME IS ON THE RISE.

The number of violent juvenile crimes - murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault and battery - rose from 25 in 1985 to 80 in 1992.

This data, found in a community report card issued by Project 18, a program developed by officials in Champaign county to solve problems for children from birth to age 16.

"If the current trend continues, it is frightening," said Champaign county State's Attorney John Piland.

Local News Highlights

ALCOA PLANT TO BE BUILT IN DANVILLE.

In August, Fortune 100's Aluminum Company of America announced it would build its newest plant east of Danville.

The new plant would give Danville an economic boost. Although it is expected to employ only 35 workers initially, experts say Alcoa will bring even more jobs into the area.

The location for the plant was discovered on accident when the new Southgate Industrial Park sparked officials' interest during a stay in Indiana.

The \$48 million sheet-finishing operation is expected to start in the latter half of 1997. It will produce materials for the Big Three automakers.

September 24: The Asian American Association welcomed Li Young Lee to T.I.S., Too to share his experiences through discussion and poetry. Lee talked about the Asian American in society in his presentation entitled "A Heritage of Infinite Inwardness." Lee's visit helped Asian American students investigate their identities as well as introduced other students to the essence of the Asian American experience.

September 22-23: U of I produced one of its most successful Sibling's Weekends in University history. The success was due to the positive sponsorship of the Illini Union Board. Students and their families participated in a variety of activities including the Late Nighter at IMPE, a hypnotist at the Courtyard Cafe and a Sunday cartoon brunch. The most successful event was the country line dance. The Illini Union Board expects Sibling's Weekend to be as big as Mom's Day and Dad's Day within the next few years.

September 13: A resolution regarding the leadership of Illini football Coach Lou Tepper was introduced by the Illinois Student Government. The resolution stated, "ISG, the official voice of the student body, urges the coach to either produce a winning football team, or asks for his immediate resignation from the position of Head Football Coach of the University of Illinois Fighting Illini."

ISG sponsored the resolution because they felt it was their responsibility to be a voice for the students. They claimed the attack was not against the University's administration but an indication that something needed to be done. Coach Tepper was not dismissed as coach due to this meeting, but was released later on in the year.

September 18: ISG defeated the resolution to have Coach Tepper fired as head football coach. The issue, which was considered too opinionated by many, was defeated because students were unsure that ISG had the authority to pass a regulation regarding the coach.





November 1: La Casa Cultural Latina helped celebrate "El Dia de Los Muertos," or Day of the Dead. The day is a festive occasion which gives families an opportunity to welcome home dead relatives. The staff of La Casa constructed an altar, similar to those made in Latin American households, with candles, flowers, skulls and sweets. Visitors were encouraged to write notes to deceased loved ones to post above the altar.

September 16: This year, sorority rushees rushed longer than ever. The University calendar change was the cause. Until this year, sorority rush ended before the beginning of the semester, but Panhellenic Council changed the rush schedule to a month-long one. The change gave members more time to prepare for the rush events. The change also allowed the rushees to have a better feel for school and have more information about the Greek system before they made their decision. Many felt that the new rush system was too long and interfered with classes even though there were more girls registered than in past years. Rush officially ended on September 28.

September 5: A new women's organization was formed to deal with violence both at a local level and at a national level. The chapter of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom will allow women on campus to actively work to end all forms of violence and was started as a response to last year's tragedies on campus, especially the rape and murder of Maria Pia Gratton. The organization's goal is to fight physical and mental abuse, sexism, racism, poverty and the destruction of war worldwide.

October 14: An anti-Columbus rally was held on the Quad. The rally lacked the support of many students and the administration. The rally was organized to promote educational awareness about racism and genocide. The rally was sponsored by the Progressive Resource/Action Cooperative and People Against Racism. They were more pleased by student attendance than the attendance of faculty and administration. PR/AC members believed University officials did not want to attend the event because it would involve recognizing issues they did not want to face. They included in their statements that the University did not want to attend because of past relationships in dealing with controversy surrounding Chief Illiniwek.

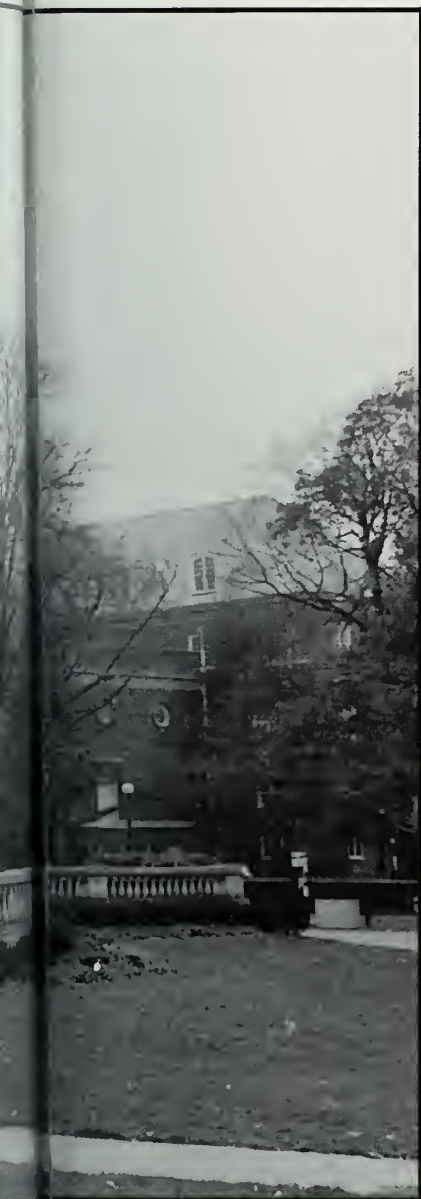
OPINIONS

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One lone senior stands in front of Foellinger and shouts to the Quad. If you stand on a designated spot and scream you can hear your words echo.
Photos by Pete MacKay





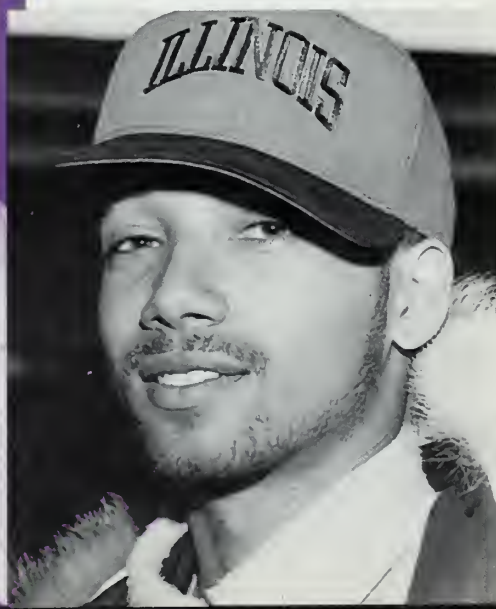
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People say the friends you make in college are the friends you have for life. We have been through the dorm experience together and the apartment experience together - we shared the same sink with thirty other people and prayed to the porcelain God while others held our hair. Through thick and thin we experienced life on the Urbana-Champaign campus. We were the last class that ate at Coslow's and sang "American Pie" at O'Malley's. Becoming friends with people who have different beliefs and views added much to the college experience and

**"The world is not run by thought, nor by
imagination, but by opinion."**

-Elizabeth Drew

to who we each are. Every coffee house and every bar and every lecture hall has heard the sweet whispers and giggles of close friends and the good times we have shared. Battling care at McKinley from the frost bite on our ears (because we walked home from our first big party freshman year when it was three degrees below zero) and crying over the cute guy that never called, we will remember the everlasting friendships that formed within the framework of this university. We saw poverty, homelessness and everyday struggles, many of us for the first time. Some of us even tried to make a difference through volunteering and community service. You must admit that without your experiences at the U of I, you may have felt your ideas and feelings would not have counted. "Life's like a movie, write your own ending, keep believing, keep pretending, we've done just what we've set out to do, thanks to the lovers, the dreamers and you."
- Kermit and Company



agriculture

The Animal Sciences Laboratory is located on Gregory Drive past the Graduate Library, and is across from the infamous Morrow Plots.



-Pete MacKay

The College of Agriculture was founded in 1868.

A CES students initially enrolled in what was known in the late 1800s as the "Illinois Industrial University." U of I had been constructed by the state government as Illinois' land-grant agricultural institution. Since we were in the middle of the farmlands in Champaign, students in ACES had all the resources they needed at their fingertips. And just think - without them, who would have brought us the cow with the hole in her stomach at those great open houses?

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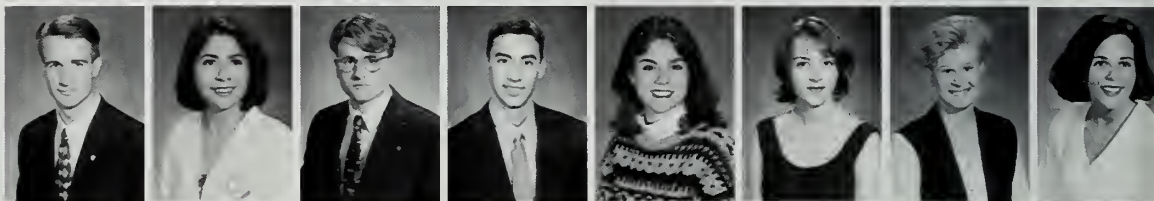
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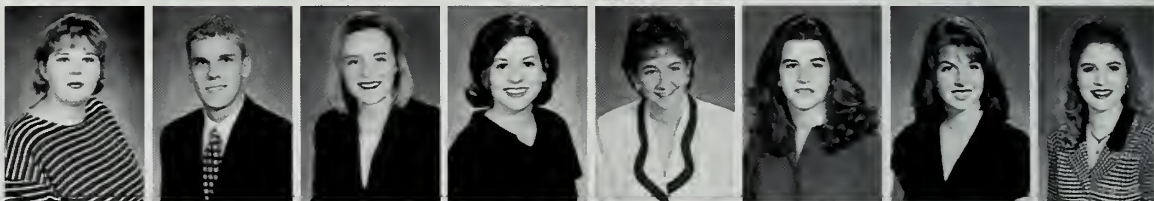
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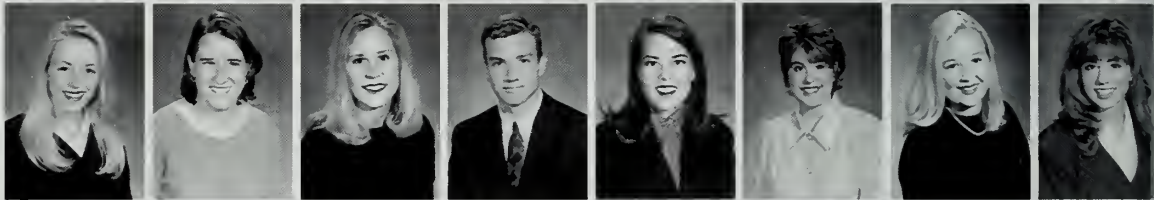
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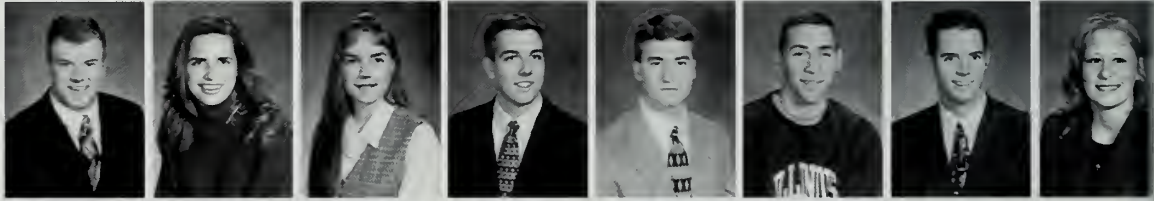
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Snowball fights and
white-washing are
popular leisure
activities during winter
scenes like the one
depicted here.



-Pete MacKay

Nothing was as picturesque as a group of soft, friendly snowflakes one-inch thick balancing themselves on an innocent naked branch of a tree during the winter season. Too often, we only saw the gray, murky slush that we found in the streets and along our curbs. It was unavoidable. Where there were cars and business that lined the city streets, there was slush. However, although we were quick to bash Champaign and central Illinois as a whole, we needed to look at its positive factors and what this area did for the soul during the season of cramming for finals and all-nighters.

Open your eyes and smell the aroma of a wondrous warm cup of Christmas blend coffee, pull out the wool socks and lace up those hiking boots because we are going to take a trip. If you took Kirby west to Duncan, and then went left, you would have found yourself among some corn-fields and sub-divisions. Many saw fields of snow before them, and they knew that, much like their life, they were involved one huge mass (at this university, in our home, in our community, as a nation), yet that mass was comprised of many separate ideas. Each snowflake was so incredibly intricate and determined, just like the mass which we were all involved in. And they all fit together in perfect harmony.

Ahhh...it would have been nice. And hey, if you were relaxing after a huge final or were wired from the

Hey, if you cannot get really deep into this story, it is still cool to make snow angels. It is still the one activity anyone can participate in where your butt is never bigger than anyone else's.

Story by Kristina Castillo

ANGELS

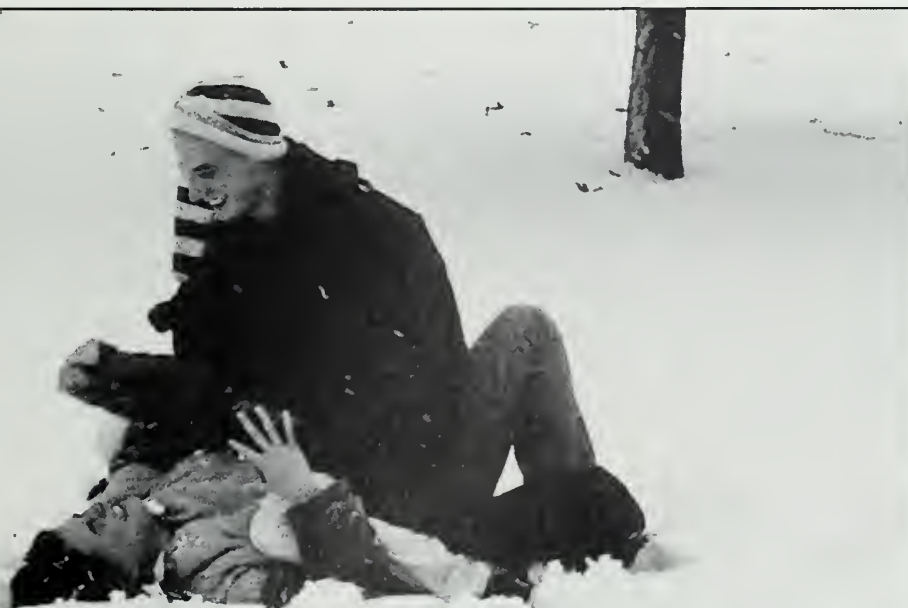
coffee after an all-nighter and could not get quite that deep, it was cool to make snow angels. Guys made them with chicks. They loved that stuff, ya know? Chicks took their big, hunky guys and were impressed with their soft sides. Ten bucks says they told them about daddy teaching them to write their names in the snow. We had to admit, that was really cool; jealousy was killing us.

And for goodness sakes, winter was not complete without building a snowman. Not only was it fun for you, but all the kids who were driven to school the next morning were delighted to see the magical snowman that appeared on the side of the road. It might have been one of Santa's elves after all.

Not only was winter the time of jolly old St. Nick and presents galore, but it was also a time for reflection. Being

out there really made everyone think that they needed to take care of the world. If for nothing else, we needed to save some forest so we could walk in play lands of snow-covered evergreens and let the smell of pine soak into our clothes and hair. This should have made you want to build a log cabin with a fireplace, so you can enjoy these types of wintery scenes with your families when you grow up, and maybe make a few snow angels and snow men with your kids.

Here we see two youngsters frolicking around in the snow on the Quad on an inspiring wintery day.



-Pete MacKay

applied life sciences

The Speech and Hearing Science Building is located on the corner of Sixth and Daniel across from Espresso Royale.



-Kristina Castillo

Many ALS programs served as a step towards professions in medicine, business, and journalism.

Appplied Life Studies prepared its graduates with the ability to research, teach and serve communities in a variety of ways. Graduates of Applied Life Sciences will soon be speech and language pathologists, rehabilitation therapists and health planners. These graduates, who also may have specialized in gerontology or sports medicine, will be working in various communities doing their part to make society a better place to live.

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Tanya Brooks, West Chicago
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Michelle Lucille Clark, Rossville
Elizabeth Cline, Champaign
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Jennifer S. Coutant, Lake Forest

Courtney Crews, Plainfield
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Joanna Curio, Chicago
Holly DeWitt, Glen Ellyn
Jennifer Doughney, Chicago
Don Dudek, Elmwood Park
Lindsey Durlacher, Arlington Heights



Story by Samantha Gunawardene

Nightclerks

Night clerks usually were adapted to staying up late. But who really enjoyed staying up from 1 A.M. until 9 A.M. unless they were a real party animal?

"I lived in the building, so it was convenient," said Earl Walker, senior in CBA. "I read most of the time, but around 5:30, the mail would come for us to sort. Until about 9 A.M., there was not much to do."

Other than sorting mail, night clerks

answered complaints and questions. On a good night, there were few, but problems like pulled fire alarms, students coming home drunk and loud radios were reported most frequently.

Sometimes night clerks found more than they were looking for. "Once there were people chasing each other naked and swapping each other with towels," said Tiffani Isabel, sophomore in LAS. "And another time, I found people breakdancing."

Through it all, night clerking was another mindless campus job, and it was better than working in the cafeteria.

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Jeana Ritchey, Casey
Nicole R. Saunches, Decatur
Rachael Schilling, Lake Fork
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Landria M. Seals, Chicago
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Regan Tankersley, Bloomington
Anne Toth, Savannah, GA
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Dawn Verest, Naperville
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Aaron Wellington, Crystal Lake
Kristina Wesbecher, Leroy
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Commerce and business administration

David Kinley Hall is located next to Commerce West, across from the Graduate Library. It overlooks a new fountain built in memory of the first dean of CBA, Nathan Austin Weston.

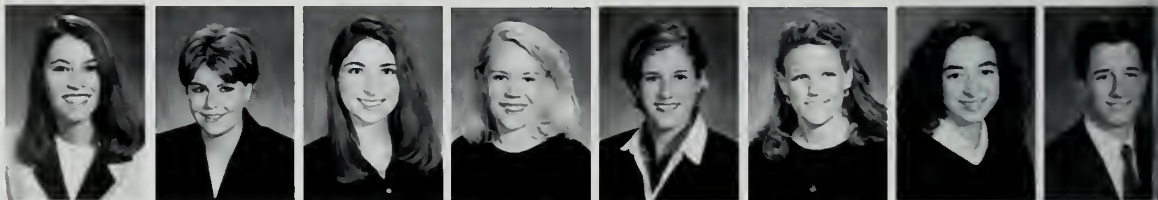


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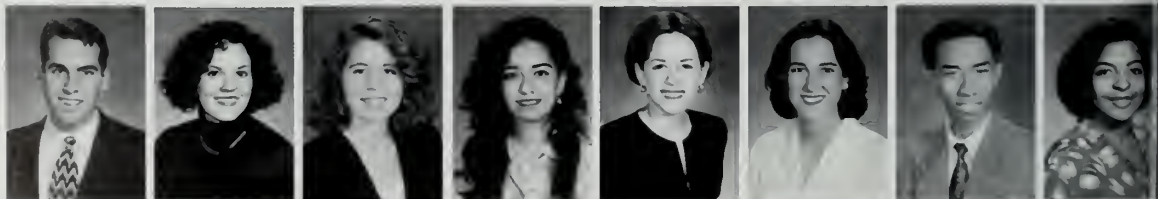
CBA majors were envied because they were able to intern at places like Disney World and with the Chicago Bulls more than anyone else.

CBA allowed students to intellectually advance in the areas of business, government and research. The undergraduate curriculum prepared students in the fields of accounting, business management, insurance, banking and finance. The college emphasized apprenticeships for the attainment of higher positions in these professions.

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Adrienne Ball, St. Charles
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Aldrich Baniaga, Westchester
Mia Barnes, Chicago



Sarah Barnes, Orion
Amy Bartkovicz, Naperville
Laurie Bauman, Cary
Zach Belton, Indiana
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Michael Benoit, Winnetka
Scott Benson, Naperville
Kristen Berg, Tuscola





Kevin Beth, Glendale Heights
Michelle Bezman, Wheeling
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Steven Brasky, Orland Park
Nathan Brochmann, North Riverside
Adam Brown, Champaign
Elizabeth Burke, Evanston
Jason Busboom, Royal
Valerie Butcher, Buffalo Grove

Matthew Cain, Rockford
Troy Cardinal, Tolono
Joyce Carpenter, Roselle
John Cassady, Champaign
Christina Chan, Villa Park
Amy Chatterton, Avon
Grace Chen, Wilmington, DE
Yvonne Cheung, Wildwood

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Stacey Chinn, Highland
Anita Choudhury, Gurnee
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Samantha Cohen, Pittsburgh, PA
Kerry Collins, Bloomingdale

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Jennifer Cox, Mahomet
Jason Coyle, Roselle
Timothy Czech, Palos Heights
Shoma Das, Libertyville
Jessica Debrin, Oak Park
Camelia Deian, Skokie
Michelle Dekoj, Kildeer

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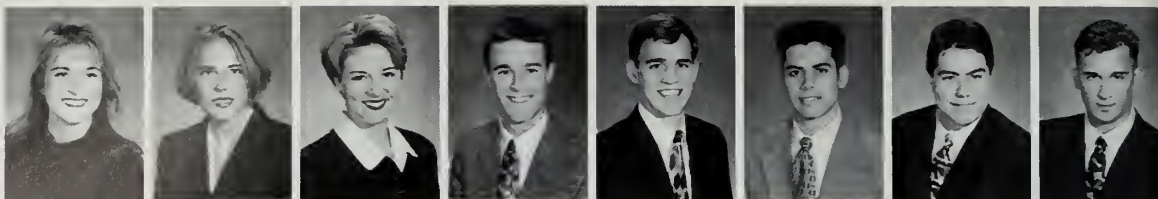
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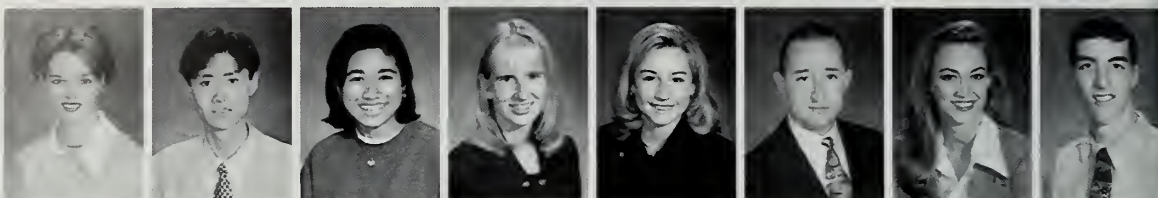
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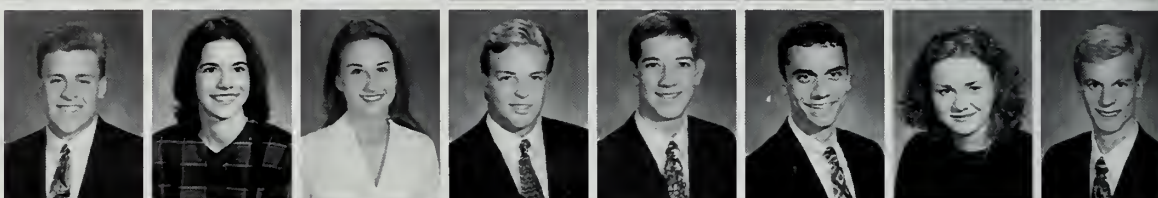
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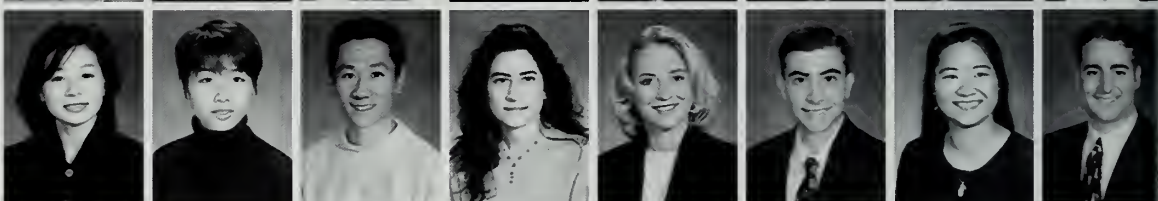
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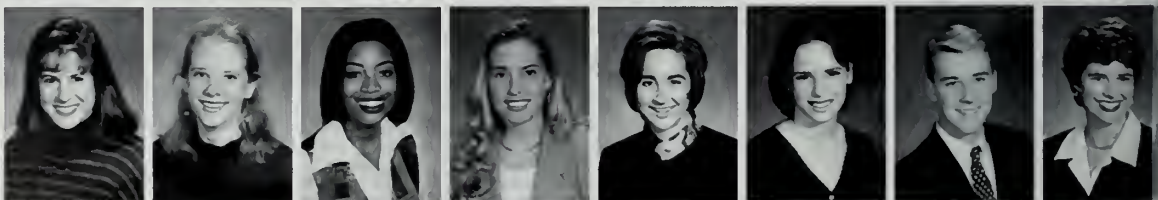
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Charles Malone, Oak Forest
Jennifer Manalo, Evergreen Park
Russell Mann, Palatine
Cora Gallagher, Rolling Meadows
Beth Marten, Raymond
Winnie Mat, Chicago



Christine Matheson, Wheaton
Lilita Matison, Fishers, NJ
Angela McBride, Chicago
Johanna McBroom, St. Anne
Scarlett McCutcheon, Naperville
Heather McDonough, Orland Park
Michael McIntyre, Schaumburg
Katheryn McKechnie, Charleston



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Kelly McNeela, Oak Lawn
Jennifer Mennenga, Crescent City
Leslie Merbaum, Highland Park
Colleen Metzger, Springfield
Julie Meyer, Paxton
Brad Meyers, Highland Park



Christopher Michiels, Barrington
Brady Miller, Chillicothe
Lisa Miller, St. Charles
Sarah Miller, Villa Park
Scott Miller, Geneseo
Holley Mims, Springfield
Monica Moehring, Abingdon
James Monteggia, Mulkeytown



Probably half of U of I's graduating seniors had no idea what Beckwith was. Moreover, probably only a quarter of them ever had a class with a peer who required any number of support services.

U of I was the top ranking university in the United States in terms of accessibility. And even though we were the cream of the crop, we still were far from what we needed to be. Many students would be surprised how many places people could not get into because there were no ramps equipped for wheelchairs.

However, what U of I did have to offer to students who required physical support services was Beckwith Hall. Beckwith was a dorm primarily designed for students with physical disabilities. It provided not only a safe living environment that paralleled a style like the graduate dorms, but also provided each resident with the proper support necessary within the primary home environment.

Some people feel the worst thing we did as a nation was go back to not understanding differences. Some people are left-handed and other people have blue eyes. So what? One of the most

important skills taught in school was to try to see things from other people's points of view. Students were taught to empathize, but not to overdo it. No one liked to be treated like they couldn't do something for his/herself if he/she could.

The year's past student body was aware of all types of cross-cultural views. However, all students didn't walk that mile in others' shoes as often as we should have.

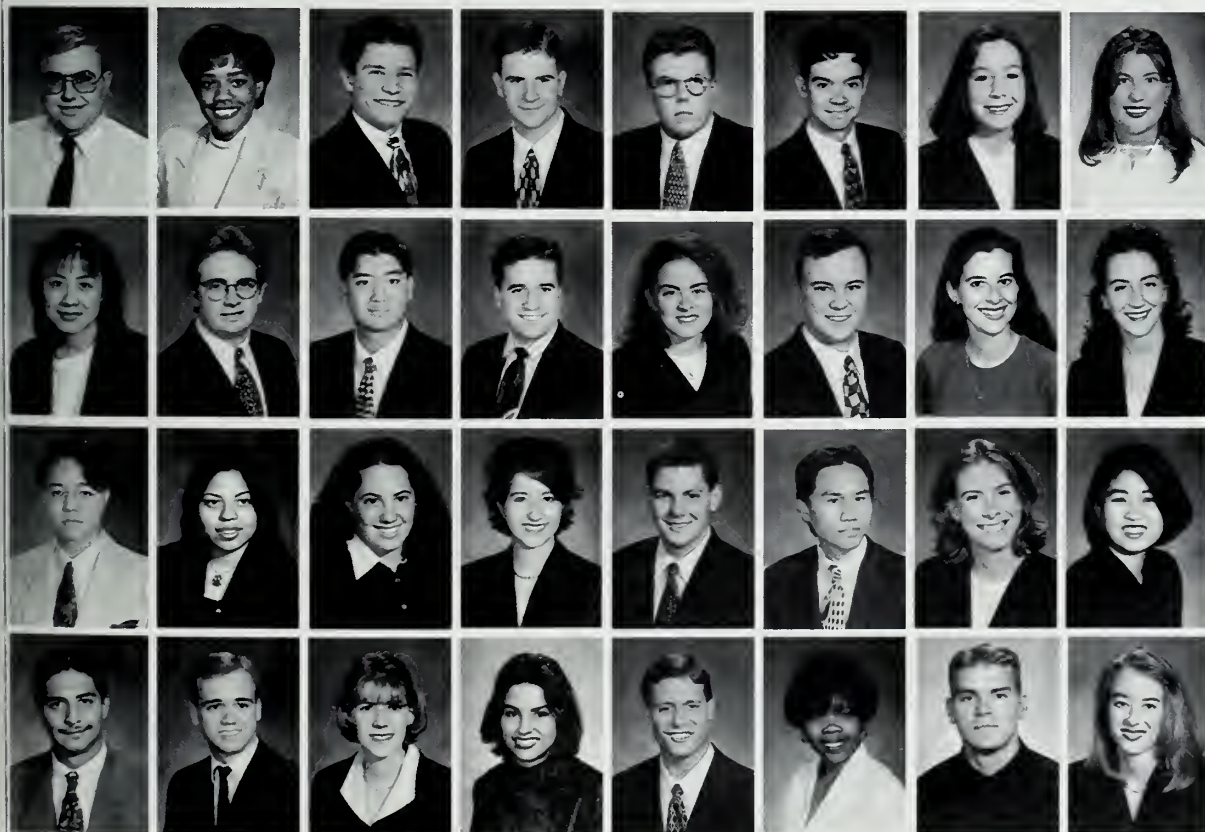
"I don't think people should advocate for things they aren't interested in; we need a variety of leaders in all human service areas. I do think there are a lot of issues concerning accessibility. I'm so glad to be a part of the staff at Beckwith because I can really learn the most comfortable to approach discussing these issues. Sensitivity to others' viewpoints is a key tool," said Andy Choi, senior in Education.

People need to experience programs like Beckwith before they judged others unfairly.

Story by Kristina Castillo

SMILE AND WALK A MILE

How often did you really walk a mile in someone else's shoes? Maybe not enough.



Matthew Morgan, Potomac
Wendy Morris, Joliet
Alexandru Mosoiu, Peoria
Timothy Mrotek, Palos Heights
Raymond Musacchio, Elmwood Park
Chris Musgrave, Fairfield
Melissa Neal, Champaign
Cori Newhausen, Byron

Ly Nguyen, Champaign
Bryan Nicklewicz, Wheeling
Philip Nomura, Naperville
Matthew O'Donnell, Lee
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John Owens, Dolton
Christine Palma, Urbana
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Leslie Paz, Chicago
Joanne Pearlman, Hazel Crest
Linda Pensa, Brookfield
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Peau Phoy, Lyons
Anita Pierce, Champaign
Christine Pimentel, Willowbrook

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Donny Pittman, Rantoul
Tina Plankis, Orland Park
Barb Prieto, Wheaton
Daniel Radek, Arlington Heights
Adelene Randle, Chicago
Eric Refvik, Schaumburg
Sarah Remus, St. Charles

One Illini fan's jubilation is questioned by his friend during the closing moments of an Illini home football game.
Photo by Andrew Ryback





Makin' the Grade

It was the ACT and SAT in high school prior to the entrance exam for college once you were accepted. And then, just when you thought it was over...GRE, MCAT, LSAT, teacher certification tests. Wham. Would it ever end?

What could you do to prepare? Could you prepare? Was "B" always the best one to choose when you had no clue how to do a geometry proof to show why an isosceles triangle has 2 equal sides? Just how did we deal with this?

"Peanut butter, and lots of it," said Monica Krowiak, senior in Nursing.

Besides the Dominos and Jimmy Johns factors, other popular coping strategies included crying, cleaning toilets (anything to procrastinate... I see, but what happened to our standards?), ditching town the weekend before to spend the day before in bed...yeah, and the dog ate the answer key to the practice test in the booklet, so why waste the

time.

"I know that I will always be nervous going in to a standardized tests; they're so intimidating. I really try to just relax the night before - rent a movie, maybe play Sega. I figure I should be prepared by now for this crap, but you still get that stereotype that this one test can just ruin your life," said Daniella Santoro, senior in Education.

"I really did find that doing the practice tests helped me relax when I was actually taking the GRE. I was so used to reading questions phrased in the way they were on the test, it didn't freak me out," said Dawn Verest, senior in ALS.

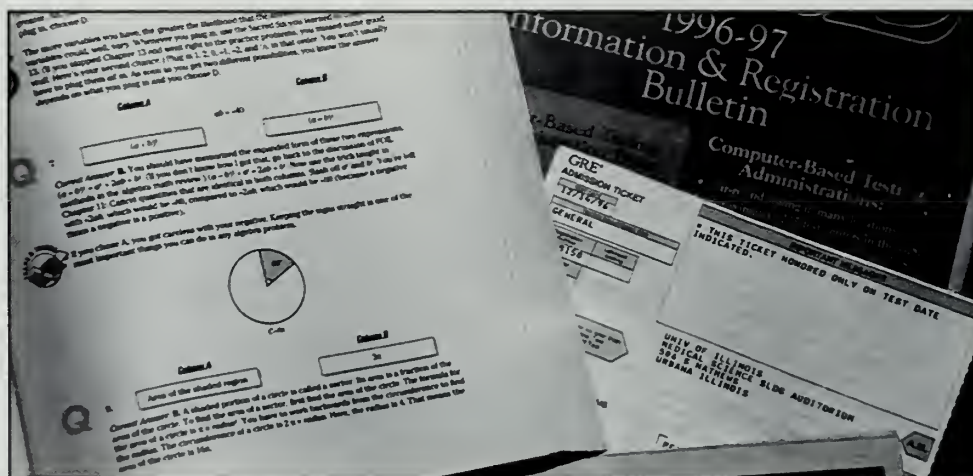
Oh, the anxiety! It just killed you inside.

Another one of those awful tests! Couldn't

you just remember sitting in the second grade during Iowa Basics week just dreading those damn bubble sheets? And it seemed never-ending.

Story by Gretchen Blount

Nothing is more annoying than having those little bubbles for the letters of your name. That was a definite bad sign when taking standardized tests which might determine your fate in a single bound.

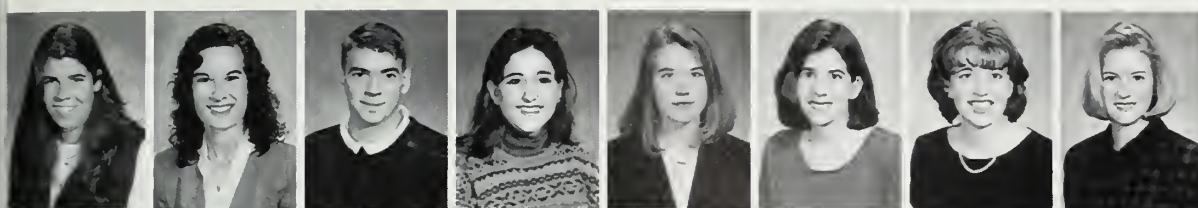


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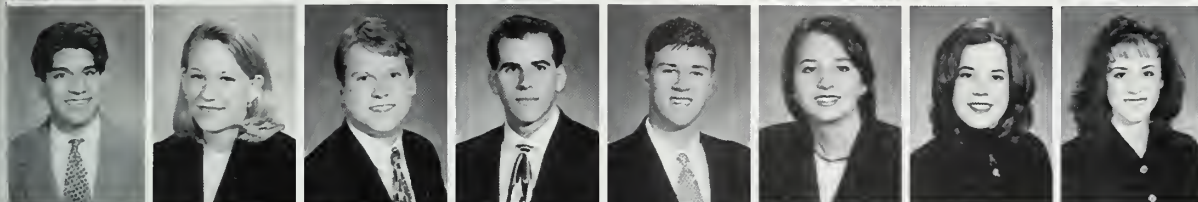
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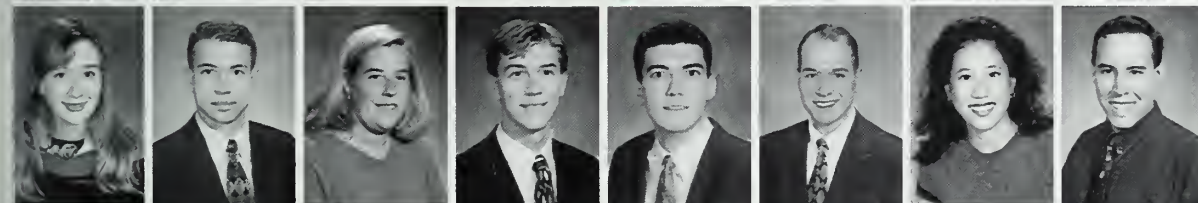
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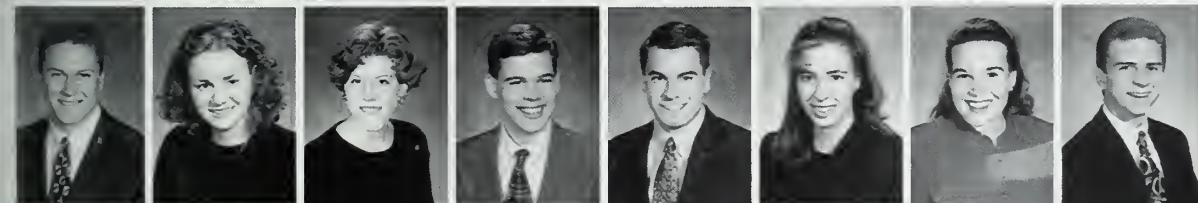
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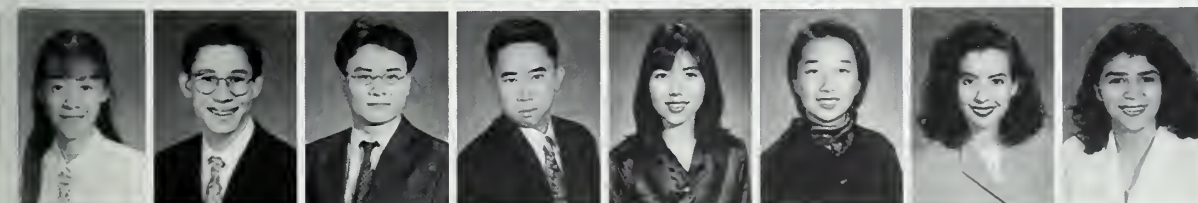
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Matthew Weinstock, Lincolnwood



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Gena Zarcone, Downers Grove
Maria Zepeda-Godinez, Chicago



Xiaohong Zeng, Urbana
Laura Zerbe, Hinsdale
David Zissman, Buffalo Grove



Some guys show the audience their
stuff at Ladies Night Out, an event
which took place at the Illini Union.
Photo by Charles Cass



Communications

Located on the Quad next to Foellinger Auditorium, Gregory Hall is the home of most Communication students. Unfortunately, most lab work was done in the basement.



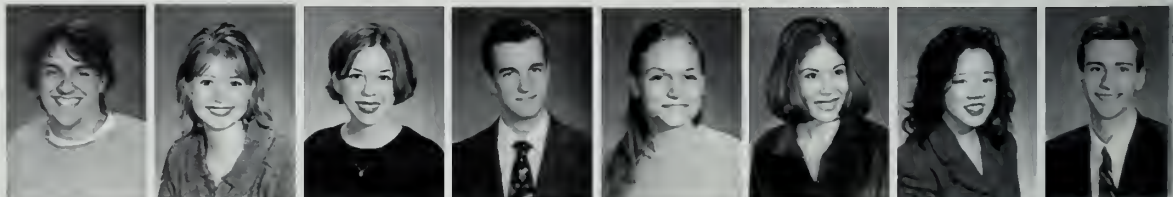
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The College of Communications was founded in 1927.

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ournalism instruction began at the University in 1902 when it enrolled its first student in what was then classified as a rhetoric major. The College of Communications was not established as a "college" until the 1950s when advertising and radio division majors were added as curriculum choices. In order to communicate through the world of print and broadcast media, these students have prepared themselves with an extensive knowledge base of the humanities and other social sciences.

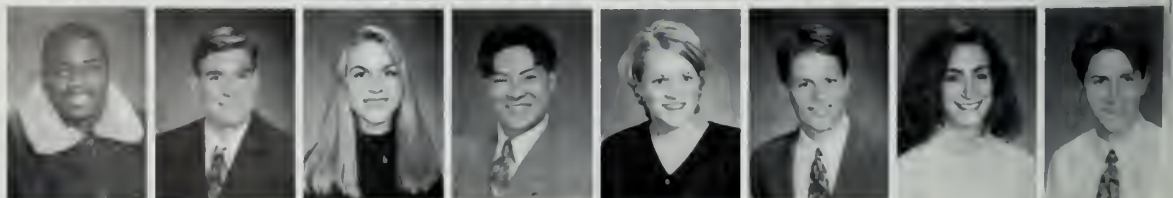
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Story by Samantha Gunawardene

Suds City

No one enjoyed laundry. Who could forget those times when you were down to your last pair of underwear? You sat and waited in the heat of the dryers for the wash to be done; and then for the dryers to be free. Laundry was much easier for those who visited "Suds City," which added a new twist to doing laundry.

Beer both attracted students and made laundry tolerable. "At other places, you had to wait for the laundry and run back and forth; but at Suds City, you could hang out, watch TV, eat free popcorn and drink cheap beer. There was even a pool table," said Susan Ohlhaber, senior in LAS and bartender at Suds City.

Others visited Suds City because it was

a convenience. "It's the closest laundromat to my place," said Camie Kidwell, junior in ACES.

Others went to Suds City because it was more resourceful than apartment or dorm facilities. "At my apartment, there were only three washers and three dryers, so chances of getting one were slim," said

Katie Wolfley, senior in LAS.

Suds City's modern idea of making laundry fun was quite successful in its goal of providing a place for customers to do laundry and have fun.

**The only
salvation
to doing
your
laundry
every week
was having
a nice cold
brew.**

BEER
HERE

Education

The College of Education had a face lift this past year when a new set of steps were built on the building's south side.



-Pete MacKay

Education majors had the opportunity to teach in Champaign and other surrounding school districts.

Education is one of our nation's most valued resources. These students at the U of I were given curriculum choices within their majors and student teaching experiences which ensured success in their professional fields. There were four undergraduate departments: elementary and early childhood education, secondary education, special education (moderate and severe disabilities) and vocational and technical education.

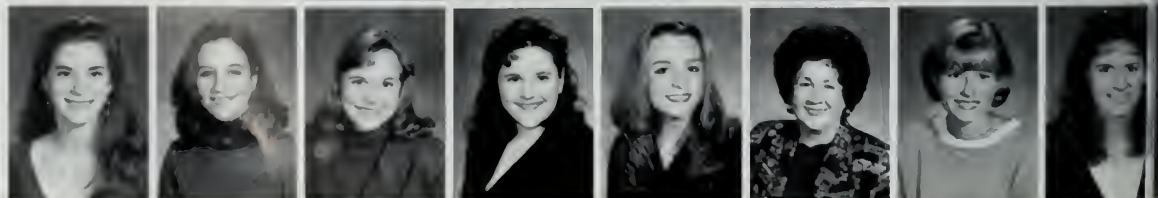
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The cafeterias had closing times, and apartment-dwellers considered preparation time. The easiest way to get food was to order out and have it delivered.

Students decided the food they wanted and where to order from, but rarely considered who would deliver it. Little did they know that the delivery people made all of us their priority. Delivery people took their jobs seriously and were willing to be flexible. "People who ordered in groups tipped better because it was hard for them

Delivery Guaranteed

CALL

Story by Valerie Stone

to divide the money," said Eric Perkinson, junior in ACES and Dewey's employee.

Their main request was that students realized that delivering food was their source of income.

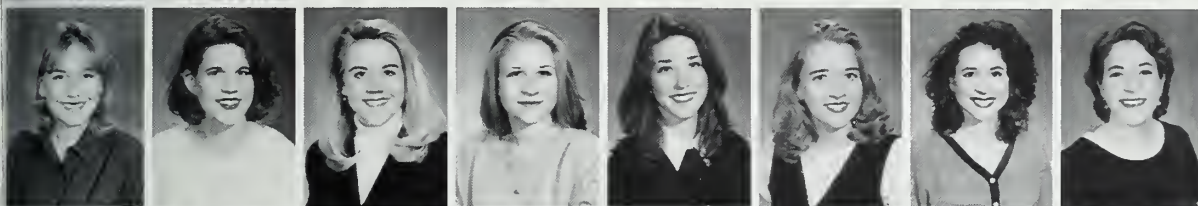
They all agreed that drunk people tipped better. And there may still be other perks to the job.

"One of my co-workers delivered to the same girl a lot and said she gave him so much money in tips that when he saved her tips it could pay for a first date...and now they are dating," said Ann

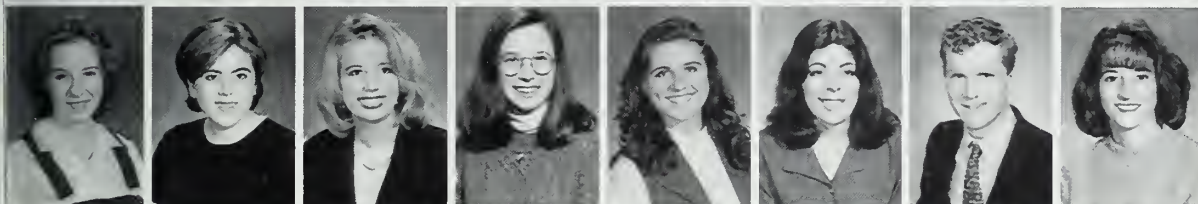
Garcia, senior in LAS and Jimmy John's employee. Maybe it is better to give than to receive.



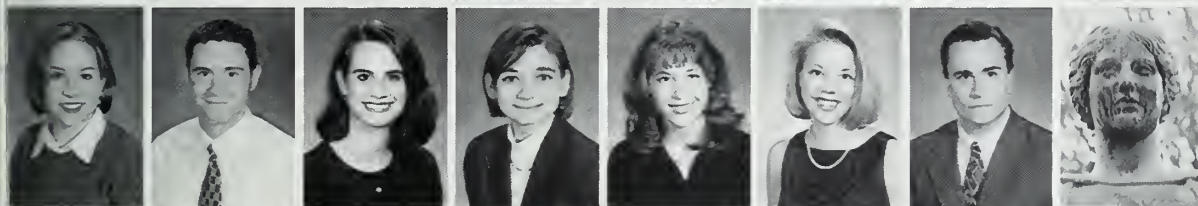
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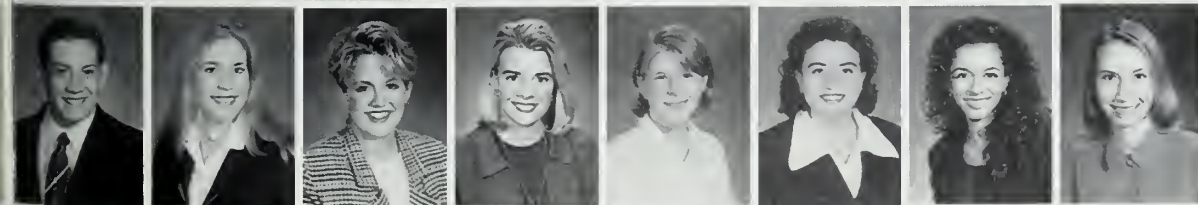
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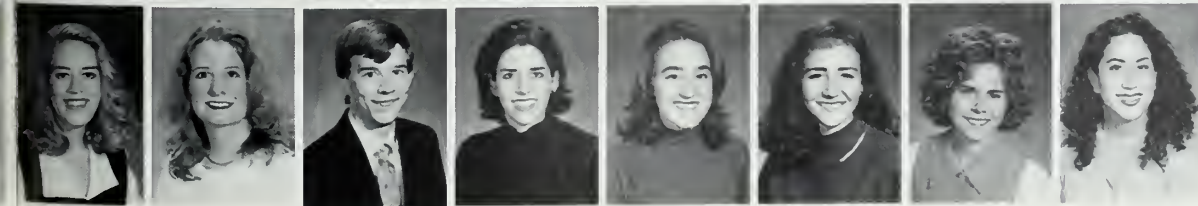
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engineering

Known as the North Quad among University students, the Engineering Quad has seen a number of developments in the past couple years, including Grainger Library, new landscaping, and artistic sculptures.



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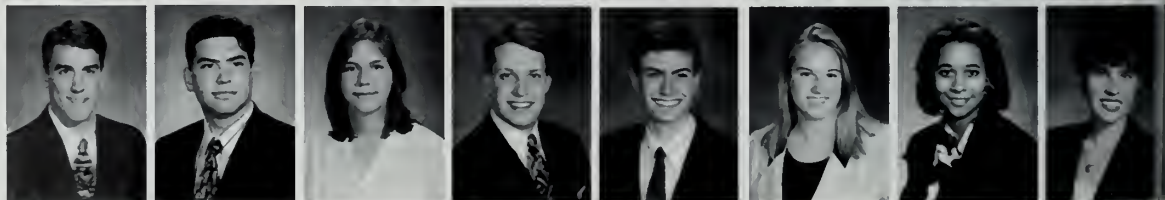
The College of Engineering was ranked second in the country in 1996.

Engineers focused their curricula on mathematics and physical sciences and the applications of their properties in order to serve a wide variety of technological and social requirements of society. Although all of the programs within this college were highly specialized, students were still required to take courses outside of their field.

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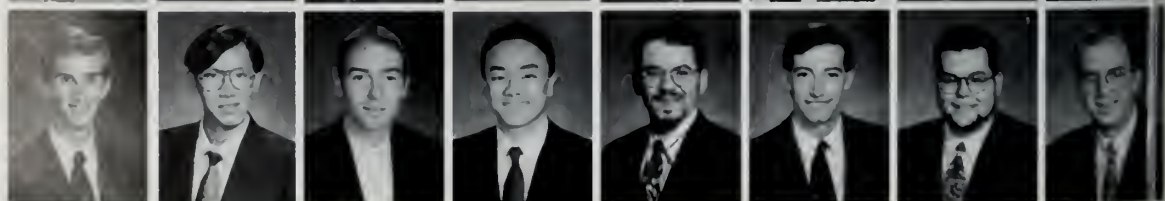
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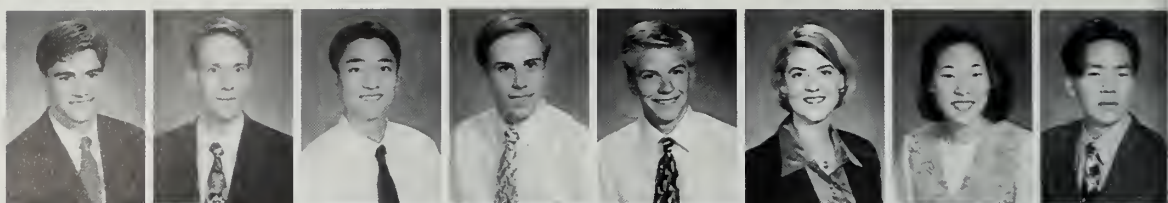
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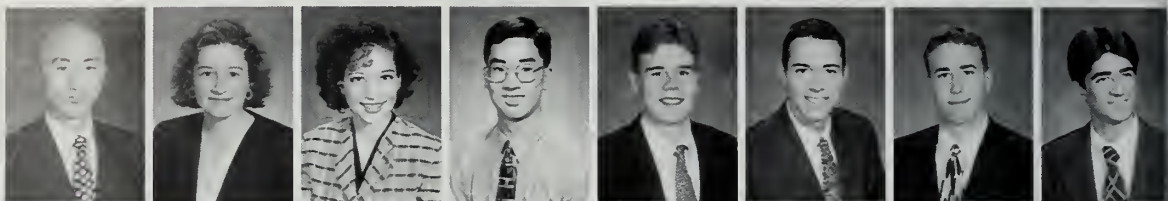
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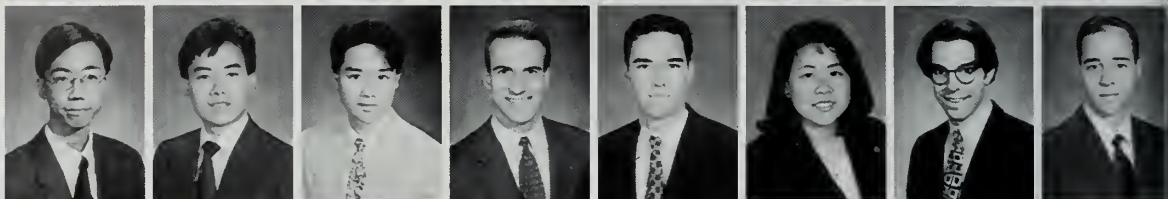
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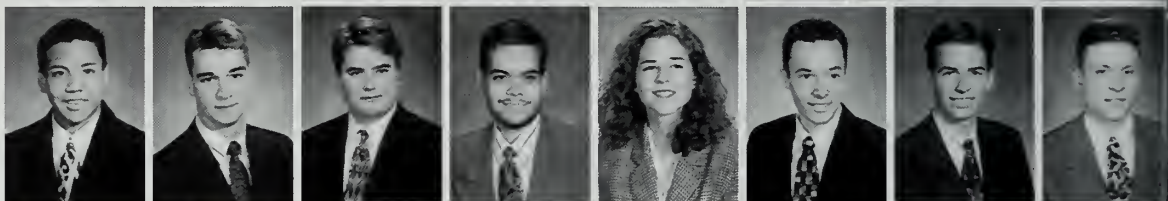
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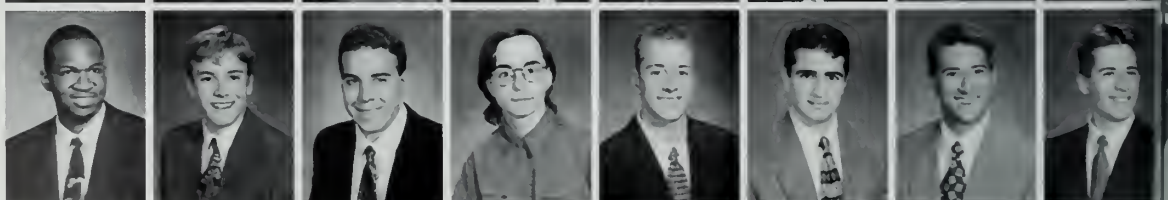
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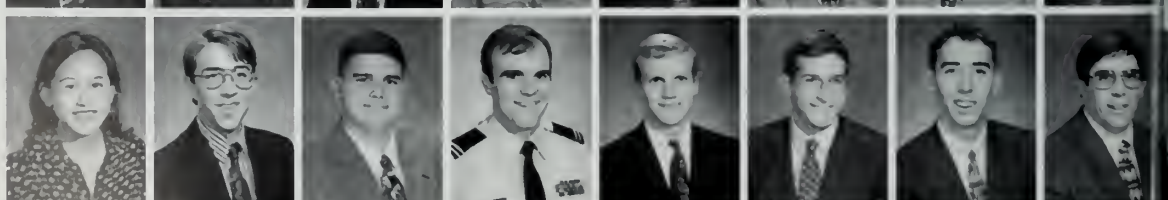
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fine and applied arts

Architecture, art and design, dance, music, theater and urban and regional planning were just a few of the majors offered in the College of Fine and Applied Arts. Students enrolled in this college also had the opportunity to participate the Marching Illini or the small concert band. In addition to performances at Krannert, some of U of I's theater majors act in productions sponsored by Parkland College for the entire community of Champaign. The University served the community by presenting students with art exhibits and demonstrations, including the gallery in the Illini Union.



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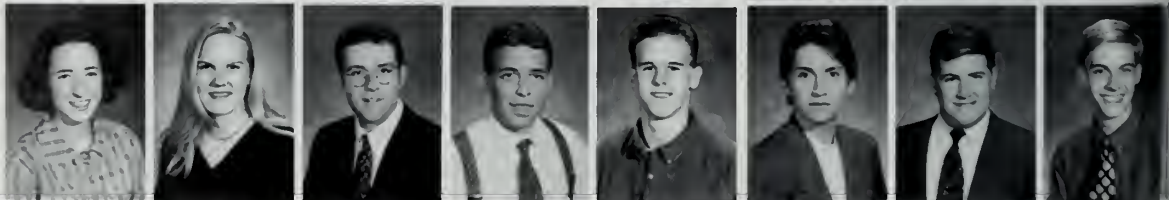
The school's new Temple Buell Hall provides students with new studios.

Students in FAA get to showcase their talents year round.

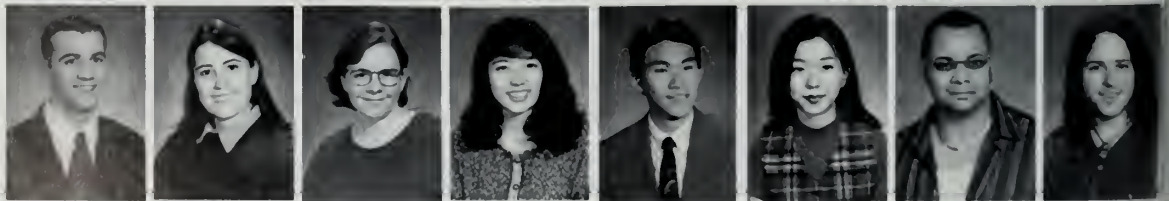
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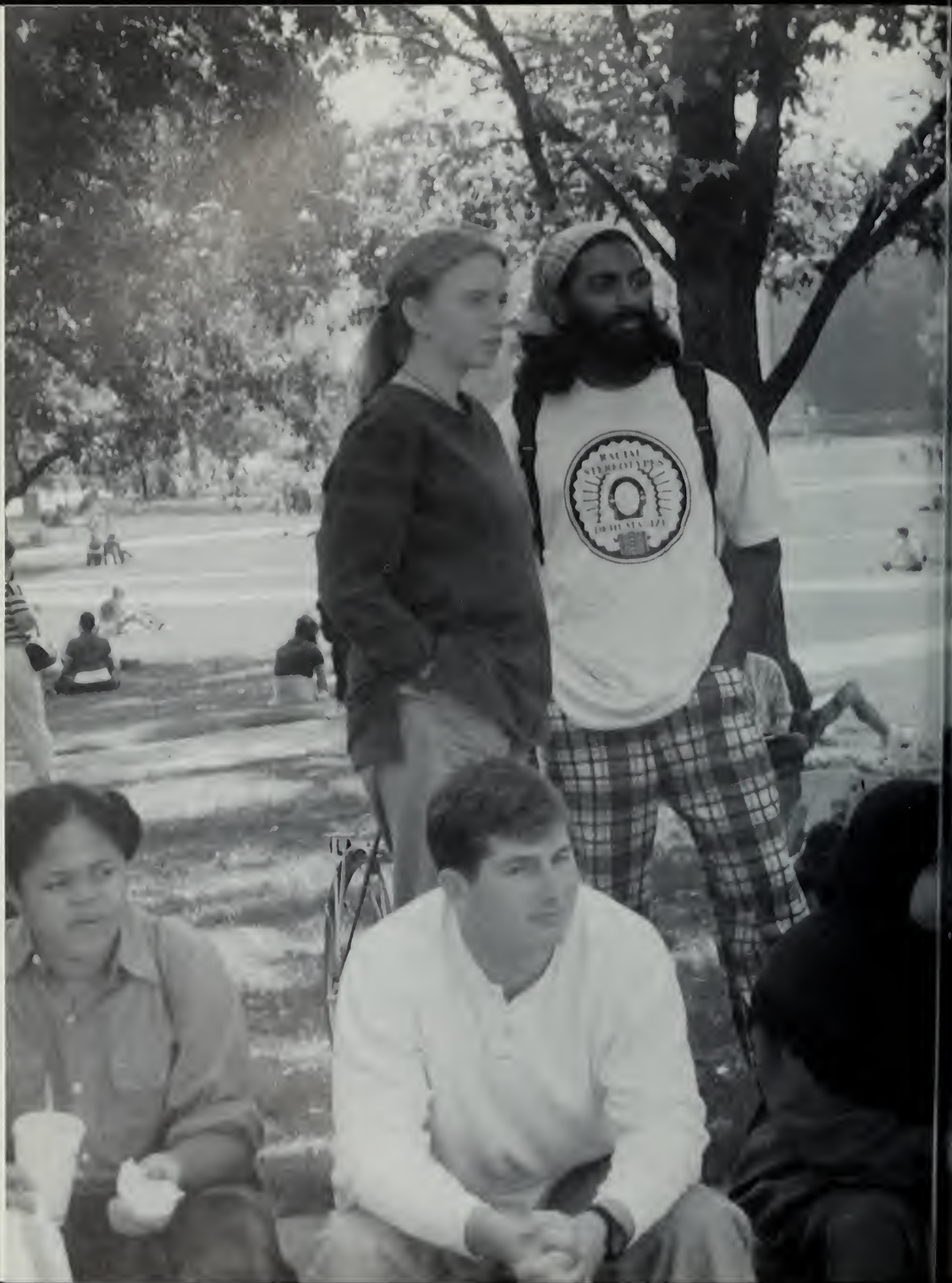
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Students take a break from their daily routine to watch an anti-Chief protest in front of the Illini Union. Photo by Charles Cass



liberal arts and sciences

The LAS office is located in the English Building on the main Quad. A story in *The Issue* reported that students suspected the building may be haunted.

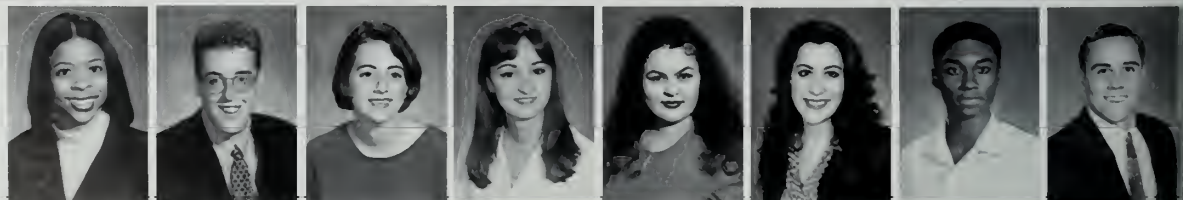


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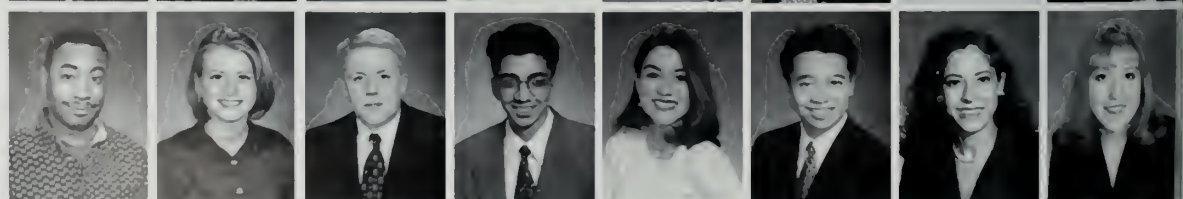
LAS houses the necessary classes to meet the general education requirements.

Liberal Arts and Sciences has an enrollment of over 12,000 undergraduates; this makes it the largest college at U of I. Its 70 different majors made it uniquely diversified. Core courses stressed critical thinking, effective communication and responsiveness to the needs of individuals and society.

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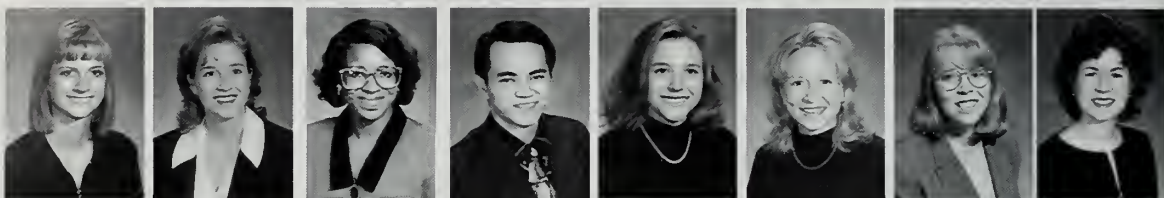
The Illinettes leap in perfect unison during their Quad Day routine.
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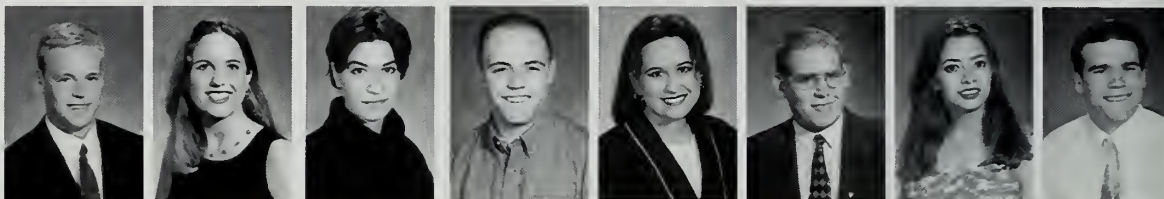
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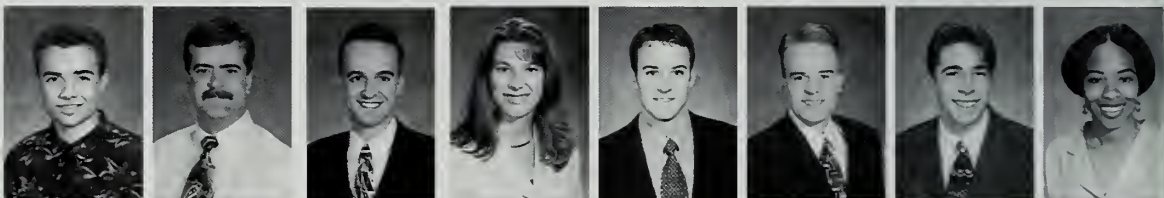
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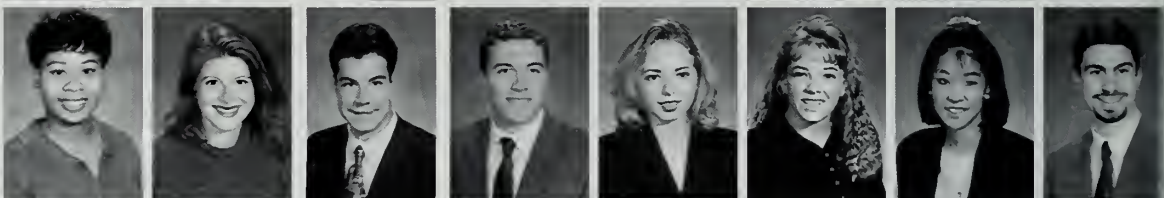
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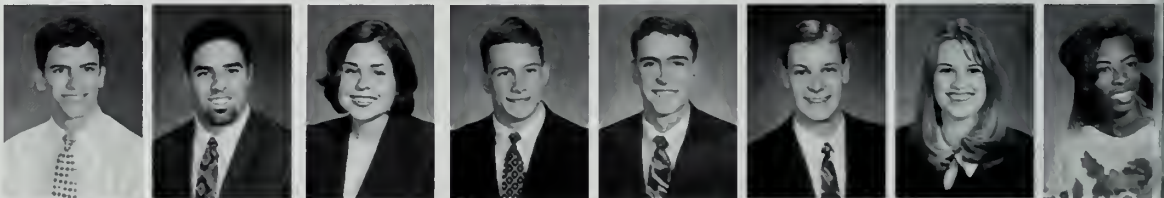
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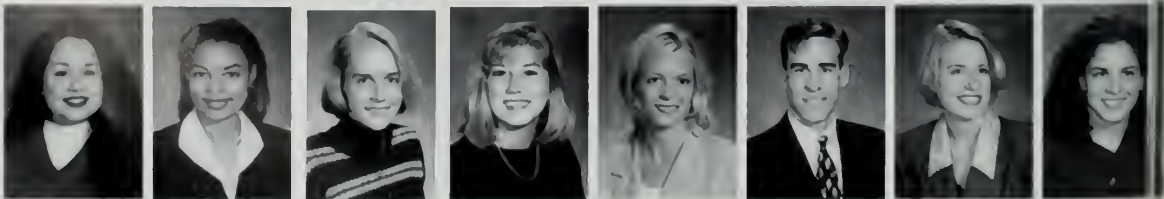
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Did you ever wonder if we had our very own "Hunchback"?

As students rushed across campus in an attempt finally make it on time to class, Altgeld's Bells put the sore truth into reality - that they were late again.

Altgeld's bells serenaded students every day. Besides the daily concerts at 12:50 and 1 P.M., the chimes players performed special concerts throughout the year on special days including Quad Day, Founder's Day, Homecoming and Graduation.

Each student had a favorite tune. Whether it was "Hail to the Orange," "Illinois Loyalty," or the theme to "The Brady Bunch," students heard it all.

"It psyched me up when it is a football weekend versus Michigan and they play the "Victors" fight song," said Marc Nestor, junior in Engineering. "I hate that song, but it got me ready."

Students were welcome to take tours up to the historic bells during visiting hours, which were during the daily concert period and the preceding half-hour. Visiting at other times was only available by appointment with the Illini Union. These tours were conducted by the chimemasters.

The tour let visitors climb through a trap door above the performing room. It also let visitors climb up a 37-step ladder which leads them up to the upper tower where the bells were located. A sheet on the door explained the tour rules for the players to follow: "Have visitors sign guest book before they go up-stairs. Warn them they ascend at their own risk. Keep an eye on them! All visitors must leave before you (the monitor) leave."

Standing near the bells was an overwhelming experience. "I thought I would never be able to hear again," said Heidi Raymond, junior in ACES.

Of all of the chimemasters, the favorite was Albert E. Marien. The 72-year-old alumnus who rang the bells for over twenty-five years. His most unusual request was one dedicated to John F. Kennedy after his assassination.

Altgeld's Bells

RING
DING

Story by Adam Slahor



Located west of the Illini Union on Wright and Green Streets, the tower of Altgeld Hall was one of the most prominent features on the Quad.



These bells are programmed by someone so we, the students, were, entertained. *The Flintstones* theme was said to be a favorite.

Biker's Bash

Tumbleweed...red dirt...ghost towns. All the great West had to offer was seen as bikers drove along the unpaved highway through the desolate wild, wild west on their Harleys, with their backpacks signaling a long strange trip.

The Bikers of America united this year like many years in the past and took a trip "to infinity and beyond!" Well, they definitely took a trip. Some would call it a bikers convention, others said it was a vacation.

Sure, it was fun and there was plenty of time to hang out and compare tattoos, but it is just as fulfilling and educational as a dental convention is to dentists. Sturges was where the bikers met up. It is considered "biker headquarters" Some

students traveled across the most of the United

States on a huge motorcycle, all black and shiny with red accents? Some went with family members, others just with friends. There are no age limits or requirements. The only policy was that you were safe and have fun.

Many toured sites of the West, including the Hoover Dam/Lake Mead, the Grand Canyon in Arizona, Pete's Pike near

Story by Kristina Castillo

Colorado Springs, Glacier National Park in Montana, or any other attraction along the way, including the many beautiful American Indian reservations.

"I have to say that this was one of the most eye-opening experiences of my life. Not only did I appreciate the environment more and what it can offer me, but also I learned that it is important to have this bonding time away from the ordinary with your buddies or family," said Dominic DeCicco, a participant in the Bike-a-thon. "It is so hard to stop talking about it, but I have to say that one of the best things about the trip was showing off my new bike."

This proud biker babe shows off her motorcycle in a parking lot in Montana before the excursion began.

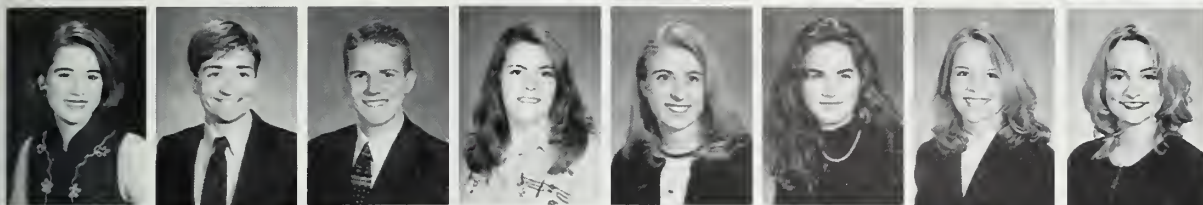
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words go?
"Hey,
baby, take
a walk
on the
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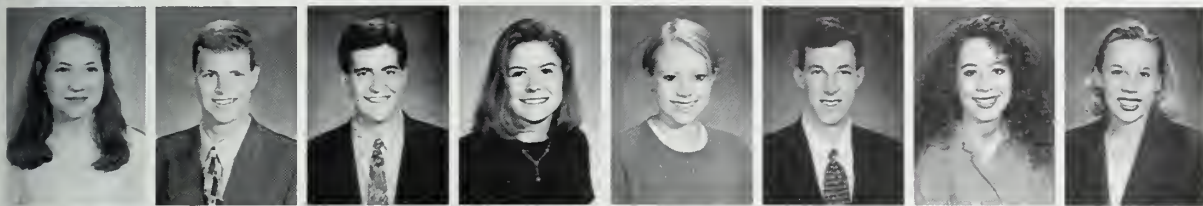
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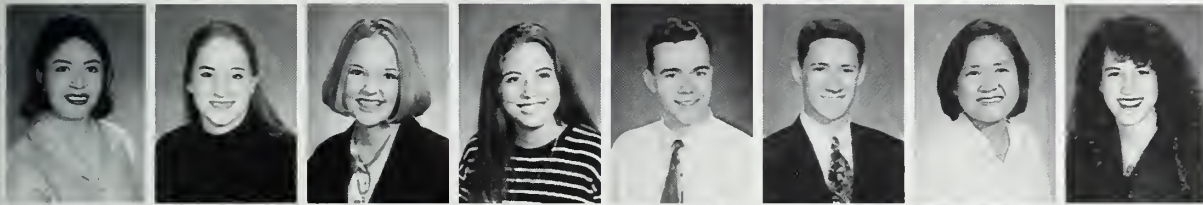
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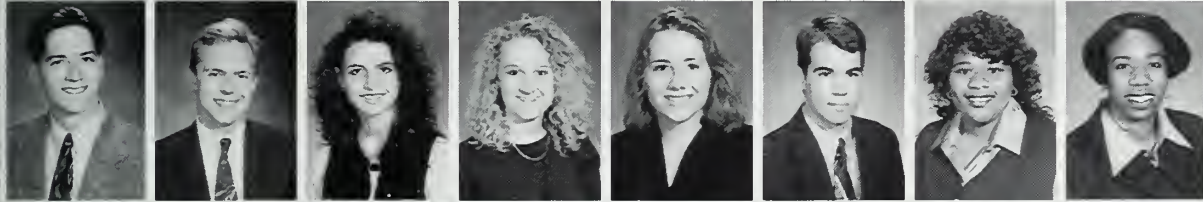
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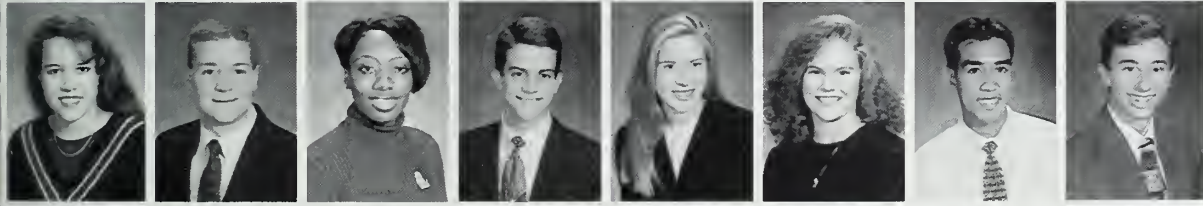
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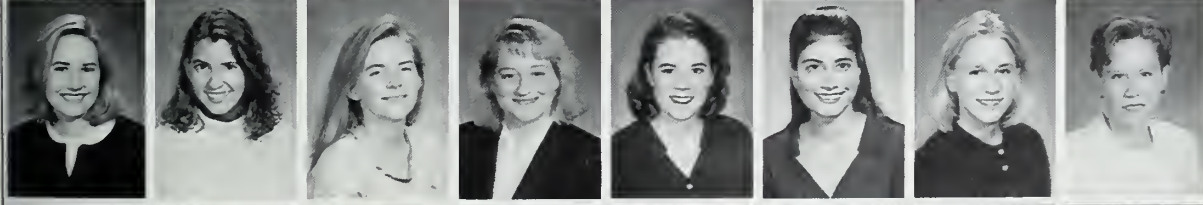
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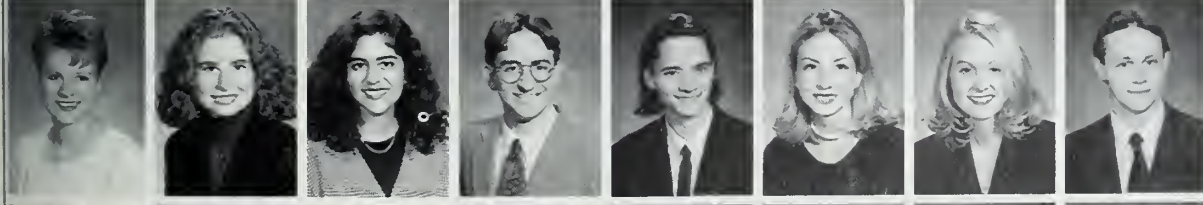
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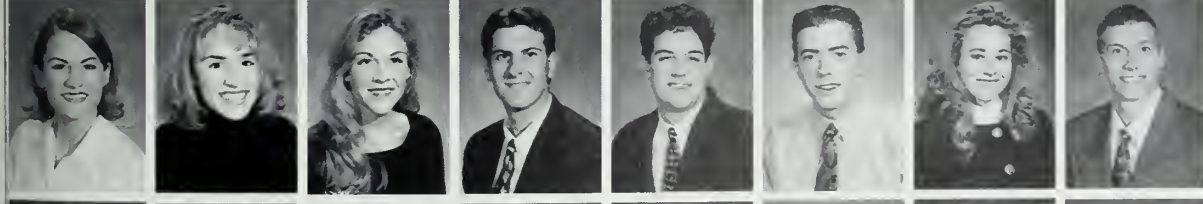
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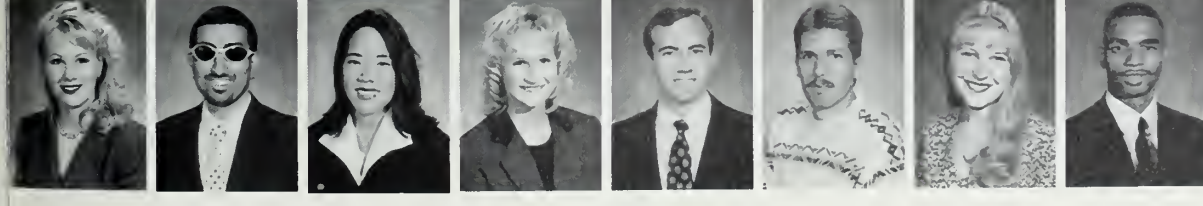
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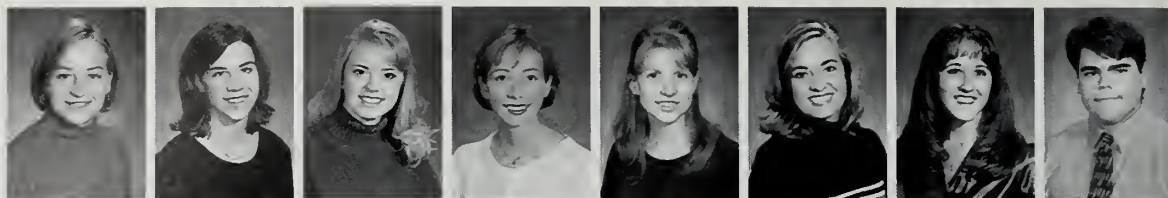


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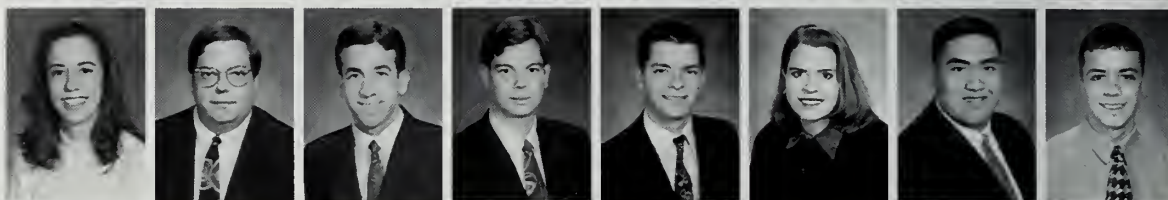
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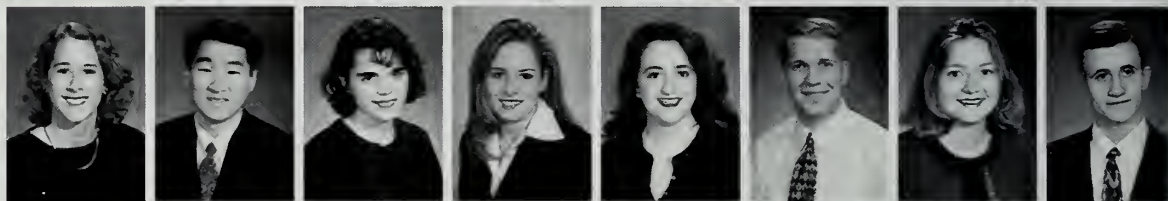
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Misty Melendez, Sterling





-Pete MacKay

A bartender prepares to serve a lucky patron.

bouncer and bartender at the Clybourne before taking a job as a manager at Joe's Brewery. "People don't care about us when they are drunk. I wish that everyone could work in a bar just one day so they could better grasp what it is we do."

And what social faux pas were drunk people famous for? "One of the minuses of the job were the drunk people throwing up all over," said Dee Bolos, senior in LAS and a bartender at Kam's.

But cleaning the bathrooms and dealing with drunks were not the only memories that bar workers took with them to graduation. "One day I was changing a carbon dioxide tank with another doorman. When he turned on the gas one of the parts flew off and blew a hole in the wall," said Bond. "I could hear it rattling around in the walls. It was funny, but it was scary because it shot right past my head."

Has anyone ever thought about the work that was put into their good time? So next time you visit the local bar, put an extra dollar or two in the tip jar to give credit to the poor sober souls who served you so well.

Bouncers and Bartenders

GULP

Story by MaryAnn Luby

These guys know all from sex on the beach to blow jobs, screaming orgasms and buttery nipples.

By the time senior year rolled around, the bar scene was kind of old - been there, done that. The only difference was that as a senior the state of Illinois acknowledged your legal right to have a beer. Whoo, hoo. But the nameless souls who checked your ID or served your beer before the days of legal age often stuck it out until graduation. They worked that old bar scene. Ewww...

The bars were the social hub of campus. The workers were no different from the patrons in their efforts to socialize.

"The people are a lot of fun," said Alicia Falese, senior in LAS and a bartender at Kam's. "You get to meet a lot of crazy people."

But not every aspect of a bar worker's job was social. "It is glamorized," said Jeff Bond, senior in CBA who had been a



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Do you prefer the comforts of a *Wonder Year* suburbia or the hustle and bustle of the city?

Story by Dan Ryan

It was the question everyone must face upon graduating—where would they call home the first all-important years after life at Illinois? Many students hailed from the Chicago metropolitan area, either from the city itself or the stretch of suburbs just outside Chicago.

For many graduates, that was exactly where they would return to get their feet under them. Lisa Oslavich, a senior working on a degree in sports medicine, will work at a hospital near her home in Buffalo Grove until she finds just the right job opportunity.

That should not take long, she said, because the area is the center of an area with a high demand for sports medicine specialists. Plus, Oslavich felt she would have the best of both worlds by living on the doorstep of Chicago, without all the hassles of city life.

"It's close enough that I can take the subway or the El into the city," Oslavich said. "We go there any time we want for functions at Navy Pier, museums and concerts.

"I know

Bright Lights, Big City



-Pete MacKay

Suburbanites have the perk of larger yards and double car garages.

living in the city is the thing to do for a lot of younger people. I would not be a fish out of water because I could adjust to living there if I had to. As far as my long-term plans go, though, it is just too congested for me."

For one senior, he must make a decision soon. Steve Ormins, senior in LAS, was considering a job offer that would require him to work in both Atlanta and

Chicago much of the year.

"I like visiting an atmosphere where there is a lot to do, but I do not know if I could take the hustle and bustle of everyday life there," said Ormins, who cited a painful vacation to Utah as a child.

"The suburbs are not as hectic, traffic is not a madhouse. If I could live in a big city without the cost and the traffic, I would probably choose the city."

Ormins had political aspirations, but shied away from this career because he would have to work in costly Washington.

THE SUBURBS



-Pete MacKay



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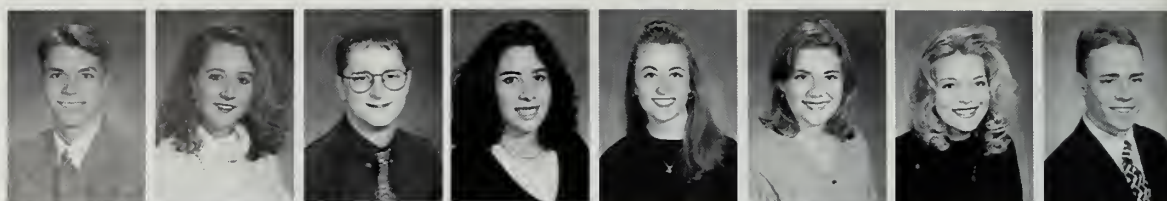
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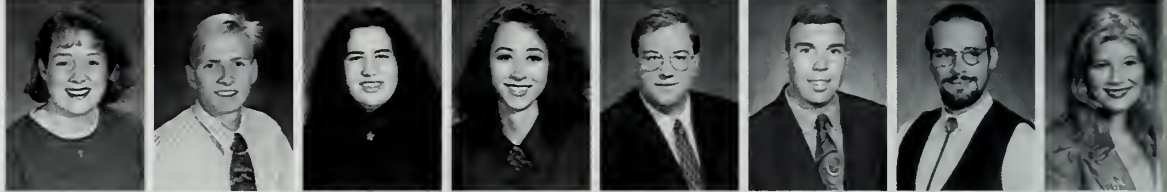
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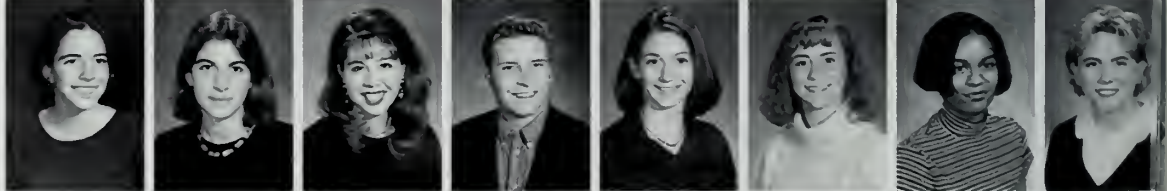
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HIV is only the tip of the iceberg in the sea of STDs. All too often do we consider ourselves healthy after a "negative" HIV result.

Story by Leslie Fron

not an easy reality to picture. However, for some it was very real, and if people do not wise up about safe sex, many more will know the harsh reality of living with HIV.

The U of I recognized this issue and provided resources for its students. Students could obtain a pack of 12 condoms free each month, or more importantly, could have been anonymously tested for the HIV virus for free.

"Everyone has to make a choice and accept their own responsibility," said April Moore, senior in ACES.

In order to be tested, students called the Dial-A-Nurse at McKinley, gave a phony name or number and made an appointment. Upon going to the appointment, all students were required to speak with a counselor before blood was drawn. After two weeks students came back for their results. If results indicated a positive reading, students were encouraged to be retested.

Some students did not believe HIV tests need to be confidential.

McKinley Had Free HIV Testing

"Are you positive?"
"Shouldn't you know?"

These were advertisements many of us stared at while sitting on the 22 Illini going to class. Living with STDs, especially HIV and AIDS, was

GET

TESTED

"HIV tests should not be kept confidential, especially from insurance companies, because they discouraged people from having the test," said Colleen Noonan, senior in LAS.

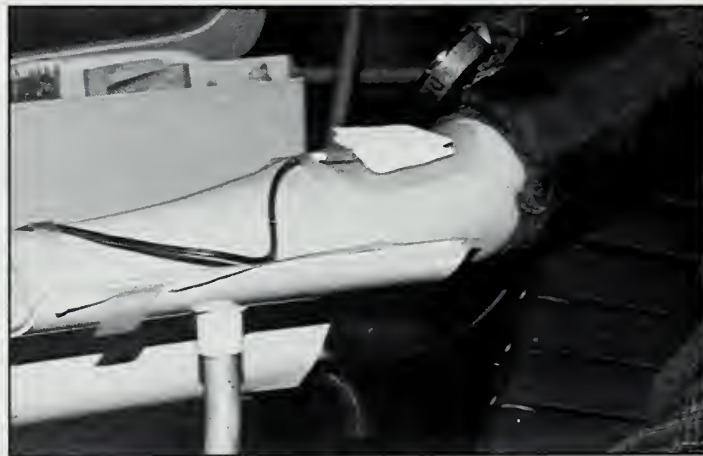
Once people are tested, some insurance companies may drop these clients just because they may have been considered a risk.

Free testing at community service centers, and the new at-home HIV test people could get via U.S. mail, did not mean we could be totally carefree.

"Many people in my house came into my room asking for a condom. I think people are becoming more aware, but they still think that if they use a condom they

don't have anything else to worry about," said Matt Menet, senior in LAS.

Whether or not people thought they were healthy did not always matter. Some of the healthiest looking people had been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. Therefore, campus organizations attempted to make students aware.



-Pete MacKay



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Lights, camera, action! These were the common words of many productions at Krannert Center for Performing Arts, where some of the greatest performances by student actors and actresses took place.

However, acting was not the only thing that contributed to a play's greatness. What went on behind the curtains played a pivotal role in the performance as well.

Krannert Student Association was the organization which controlled just what went on behind the scenes at Krannert.

Student-actors perform in "Beauty and the Beast," a play performed at Krannert Center for Performing Arts last fall.

Behind the Scenes at Krannert



-Pete MacKay

A favorite of children everywhere, Beauty and the Beast received well-deserved applause.

"We were much of the behind the scenes staff," said Kim Harpel, junior in LAS and President of the Krannert Students Association. "We provided volunteer ushers, tour guides and backstage members for the Krannert Center."

Some members of the backstage crew were in charge of costumes and helped actors get dressed.

Others ran props. Some shows, for example, required volunteers to make sure candles lit were where they were supposed to be when the lights went out. Some workers stood on the fly-rail, which was located above the stage, to watch over what was happening on the stage. They made sure curtains in the back-drop moved in and out. They did this by pulling ropes, which raised the curtain.

The Krannert Student Association was what always helped kept the show go on.

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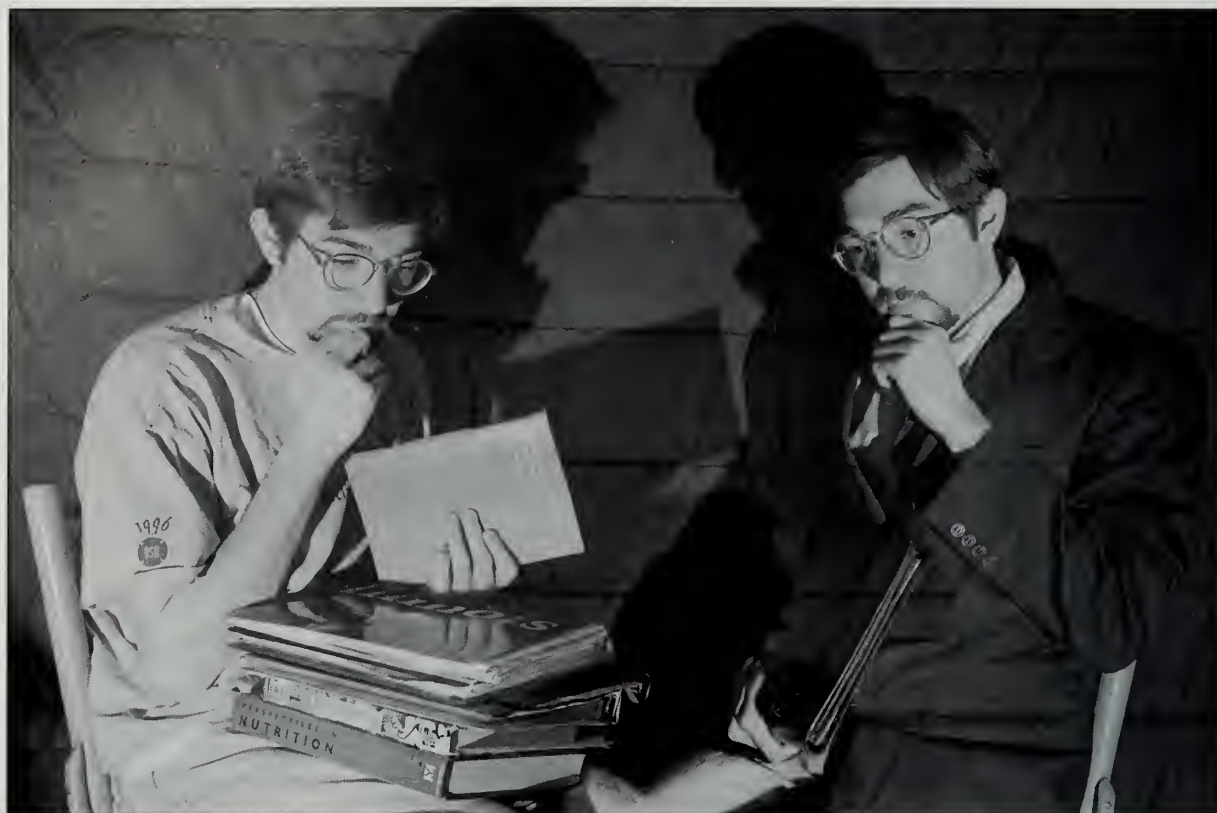
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GRAD SCHOOL



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After he received his Bachelor's degree, Chuck Cass contemplated continuing education or going directly to work. The decision to attend graduate school was often a financial matter.

IS STUDENT LIFE A WAY OF LIFE?

PRO



Michelle Kesterke
Grad Student

When I thought about exactly why I decided to attend graduate school straight out of college, two reasons came to mind. First, I

knew I wanted to obtain an advanced degree during my lifetime, and I wanted to make sure family responsibilities, lack of motivation and time did not get in the way. Secondly, I enjoyed the life of a student. I liked the change in my schedule from semester to semester. I enjoyed the extended vacations, and I thrived on a good challenge which school always provided. Yet when I thought beyond these two reasons, I decided college graduates should attend graduate school for many more reasons.

The first reason was to avoid the real world longer. After four years of college, many students were not

particularly thrilled about entering the work force. Graduate school, while still preparing you for the future, served as a great alternative to the working world. Graduate school allowed you to remain a student and keep benefits like a flexible schedule and extended vacations.

Another reason to attend graduate school was to obtain the advanced degree required for the field you desired, whether it be an MSW, MD, JD or MBA. As a graduate student at the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations, I knew would be nearly impossible enter the field of Human Resources in a large corpora

tion without an MA.

Graduate school also offered more money. Even though it was not a rule, you are usually paid for obtaining a higher degree. Consequently, even if you have to take out a few loans, graduate school was an investment for your future.

By going to graduate school, I will be more competitive in the job market. There were many more individuals who held Bachelor's degrees in comparison to Master's degrees. In order to stand out, it was a good idea to spend the time on an advanced degree here.

The best reason of all was to have fun. Graduate school was a great opportunity and was one of the best times in your life. Not only were you simply taking classes in a field which is highly interesting to you, but you spent a few years meeting other students interested in that field and learning more about yourself in a safe environment.

Even though graduate school was not for everyone, it may certainly be a good idea. With all of its advantages, I am confident that I will be more prepared to enter the working world after I have obtained my advanced degree.

CON



Allison Gordon
freshman in LAS

I had recently been stuck in a meeting targeted to those interested in going to graduate school. As soon as I heard that all students should listen up and begin the process of preparing for graduate school, I knew it was not for me. I was told I needed to start now. Being a freshman, I thought I should get a head start and think about where to continue my studies. But having four years ahead of me, I thought about seizing the day now and not worrying about the future. Who was to say what would happen in the next four years here at the U of I? Four years at such a prominent university should not call for graduate school.

Many students believed graduate school and furthering their education would get them farther in life. For some this could be true, but I believe that hands-on training in the

field you pursued was the best way to make it in the world. A prime example would be my major, chemical engineering. I did not need a graduate degree to be successful since I have been interning for a few summers and had job prospects waiting for me once I graduated from the University. Due to this, I found it unnecessary to apply to graduate school in the future and believe it would be a waste of money. To gain a Master's degree, I would have to sacrifice about two years of potential working time. At the end of those two years, I would have a starting salary which was equivalent to the promoted salary of an engineer with a bachelor's degree who had been working for two years. The salaries would be equivalent and I would be approximately \$90,000 poorer (two years' salary) than I would have been if I had chosen not to go to graduate school.

Because of the expense of graduate school and the hands-on job experience I will obtain in my field, I chose to not go to graduate school and instead enter the real world immediately after I graduate.

campus news

September 4: State Representative Al Salvi brought his U.S. Senate campaign to Urbana-Champaign. Salvi stressed themes of less government, lower taxes and more freedom for American families at his campaign appearances. The University honored Salvi at a rally held at the Illini Union. The message of Salvi's campaign was to "put government on our sides, not on our backs." After the Union address, Salvi and his supporters paraded down the Quad chanting "Salvi, Salvi." Salvi ended up losing the campaign to Dick Durbin by a narrow margin.



January 20: William Jefferson Clinton began his second term as president. Since he was the president to lead us into the new century, his inauguration speech highlighted a new government that was more efficient and urged the end of extreme partisanship.

January 21: The father of "Baby Richard" left the family he fought so long to save. Otakar Kirchner moved out of his house after fighting three years to have his biological son returned from the family who adopted him. The boy was adopted at four days of age, but the adopted family was not allowed to contact the child after he was returned to his biological family.



October 16: Carol Moseley Braun paid a visit to her Alma Mater to speak about the presidential campaign, and showed support for fellow Democrat Bill Clinton. She spoke to the College Democrats about education but also gave an informal question and answer session for students during one of their meetings. She urged students to voice their opinions and vote because only then would they make a difference in America. She also commended the College Democrats for making a difference in political issues on campus and nationally.

September 4: Smita Garg, a University doctoral student in art education from New Delhi, India, was chosen among a group of applicants as the winner of the fellowship which honored the life of Maria Pia Gratton. The annual fellowship was established by Gratton's family and friends following her death last October. Gratton's husband, Enrico Gratton, believed Garg was the best choice for the award because of her educational and social interest in the U of I community. The fellowship provided financial assistance to a female student outside the United States who intended to study at the University and will be an honor for years to come.

November 19: Diane Sawyer, the highly-touted broadcast journalist for ABC News and "Prime Time Live," was selected to deliver the spring commencement address. Bill Murphy, assistant chancellor for public affairs said Sawyer was just the kind of speaker the committee was looking for because she was interesting to both students and parents and because she was of national importance.

July 14: John Chancellor, a famous University of Illinois alum known for his legacy in broadcast journalism, died from cancer at the age of 68. He was best known for his work for NBC.

Local News Highlights

THE UNUSUAL LOCAL MURDER OF 1996

Fishermen found parts of Karyn Slover, 23, of Decatur in plastic bags three days after she left work and was reported missing.

Seven months later no one was arrested at that time in connection with her slaying.

Slover was seen leaving her job at about 5:05 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27. She was driving her boyfriend's car.

The car was found almost four hours later, with the engine running, along Interstate 72. Her purse was empty and her phone was missing.

Her body parts were found in Lake Shelbyville, 40 miles away from where the car was left running.

Local News Highlights

ATKINS THROWS URBANA CITY COUNCIL FOR A LOOP

This Fall, developer Clint Atkins said he might not develop an 18-hole golf course and surrounding residential community in southeast Urbana.

The deal was to be the biggest economic development project in history for the city.

Atkins was upset over some Urbana residents calling his development "Atkinsville."

City officials and 75 people attended a city council meeting. Officials unanimously endorsed \$3 million in assistance for the project.

By Nov. 13, Atkins announced he had reconsidered and the project was back on track.



September 29: GOP senatorial candidate Al Salvi spoke at the Lincoln Festival in Charleston in a debate against his Democratic opponent Dick Durbin. The two candidates talked about what their visions were for the United State's future. The debate had a historic taste to it because the Lincoln-Douglas debates were held at the Coles County Fairgrounds, the same place these debates were held. Because of this, some dressed up as Abraham Lincoln to add to the ambiance.

September 15: Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole spoke to the heartland by making an appearance in Illinois at a rally in Bloomington. He promised a 15 percent income tax cut, a \$500-per child tax credit and estate tax relief. Even though Dole got much of the heartland's support, he still lost the campaign by a landslide to Bill Clinton.



October 29: State Representatives Rick Winkel (Republican) and Naomi Jakobsson (Democrat) debated on our campus and addressed many of the students' concerns. The issues which they covered ranged from tenants rights to campus safety to tuition rates. Winkel stressed the importance of harsher laws against criminals and was in full support of programs like DARE. Jakobsson said she also supported programs like DARE but wished police officers carried out the personal safety laws into fuller effects. She also endorsed her new education plan.



Michael David Smith, a *Daily Illini* reporter, takes notes on the Winkel-Jakobsson debates to write a story for the paper.

November 11: Mandy Goldstein, a junior in LAS, got to see what it was like to be chancellor of the University of Illinois, for a day. While Chancellor Aiken sat in her Political Science 328 class, Goldstein sat in one of his cabinet meetings. Aiken enjoyed the lecture and even took notes for Goldstein. "It was an excellent lecture and I learned some things," Aiken said. "I was pleased to have the opportunity to be in Professor (Robert) Weissberg's lecture and it makes me appreciate how much knowledge there is on campus." Goldstein had the chance to meet with Aiken for lunch after the switch. "We talked about commencement speakers and the problems of crime, among other things," Goldstein said.

November 11: Kimberly Harper, a U of I student, was struck in a hit-and-run incident outside the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority house in Urbana. Harper was severely injured and was treated at Carle Hospital. The only evidence found on the scene was a black rearview mirror which was detached from the vehicle.

October 20: Kimberly Latoya Jenkins, a 20 year-old University student, passed away apparently due to natural circumstances. She was found unconscious by other students outside a Campustown bar. Preliminary findings suggested she died from cardiac arrest. Jenkins was a second year student in Applied Life Sciences and an employee in the Office of Minority Student Affairs.

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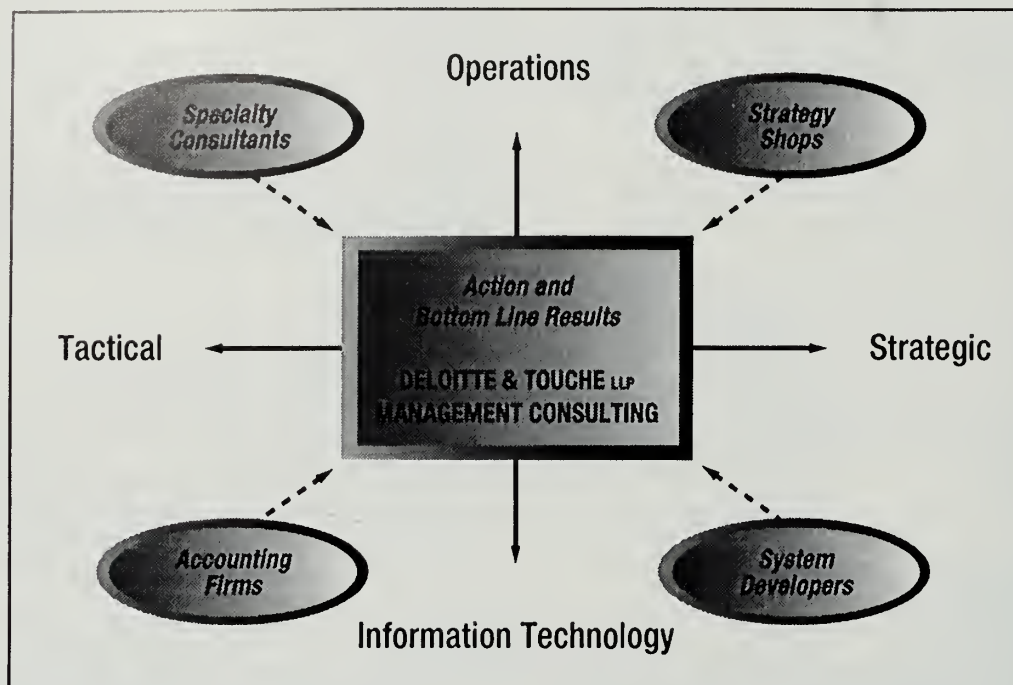
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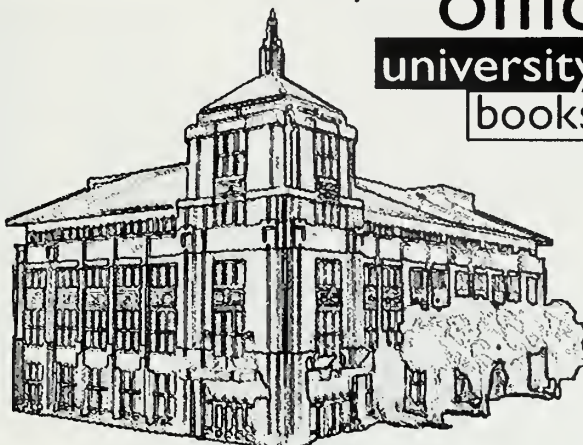
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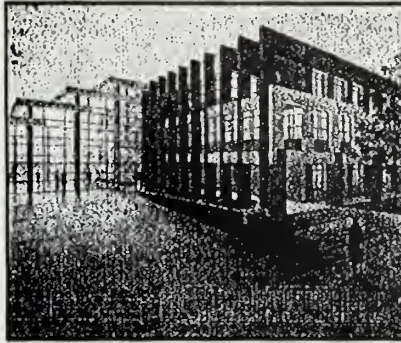
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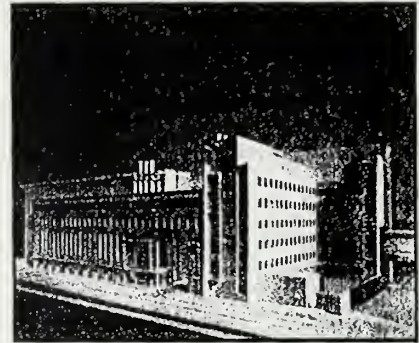
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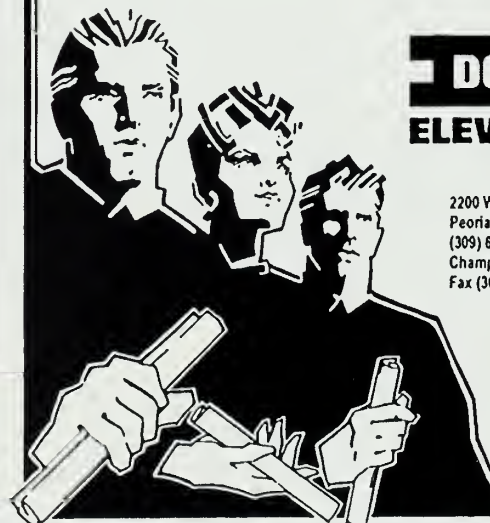
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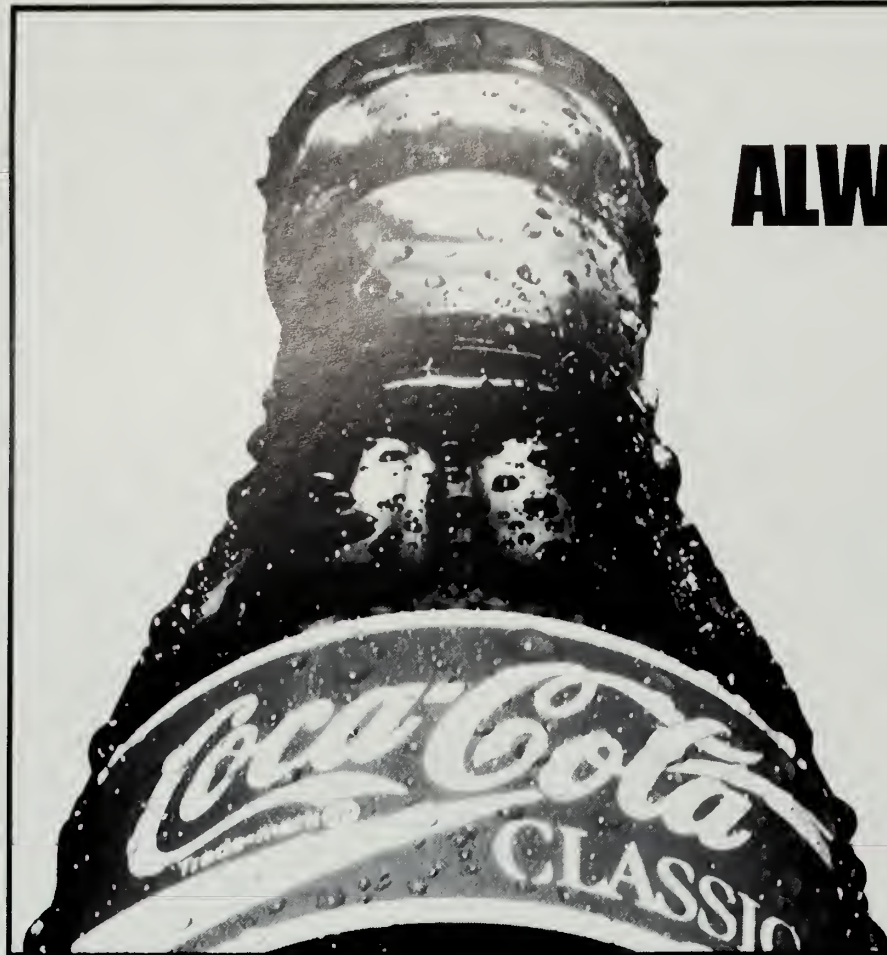
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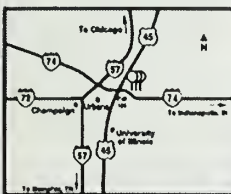
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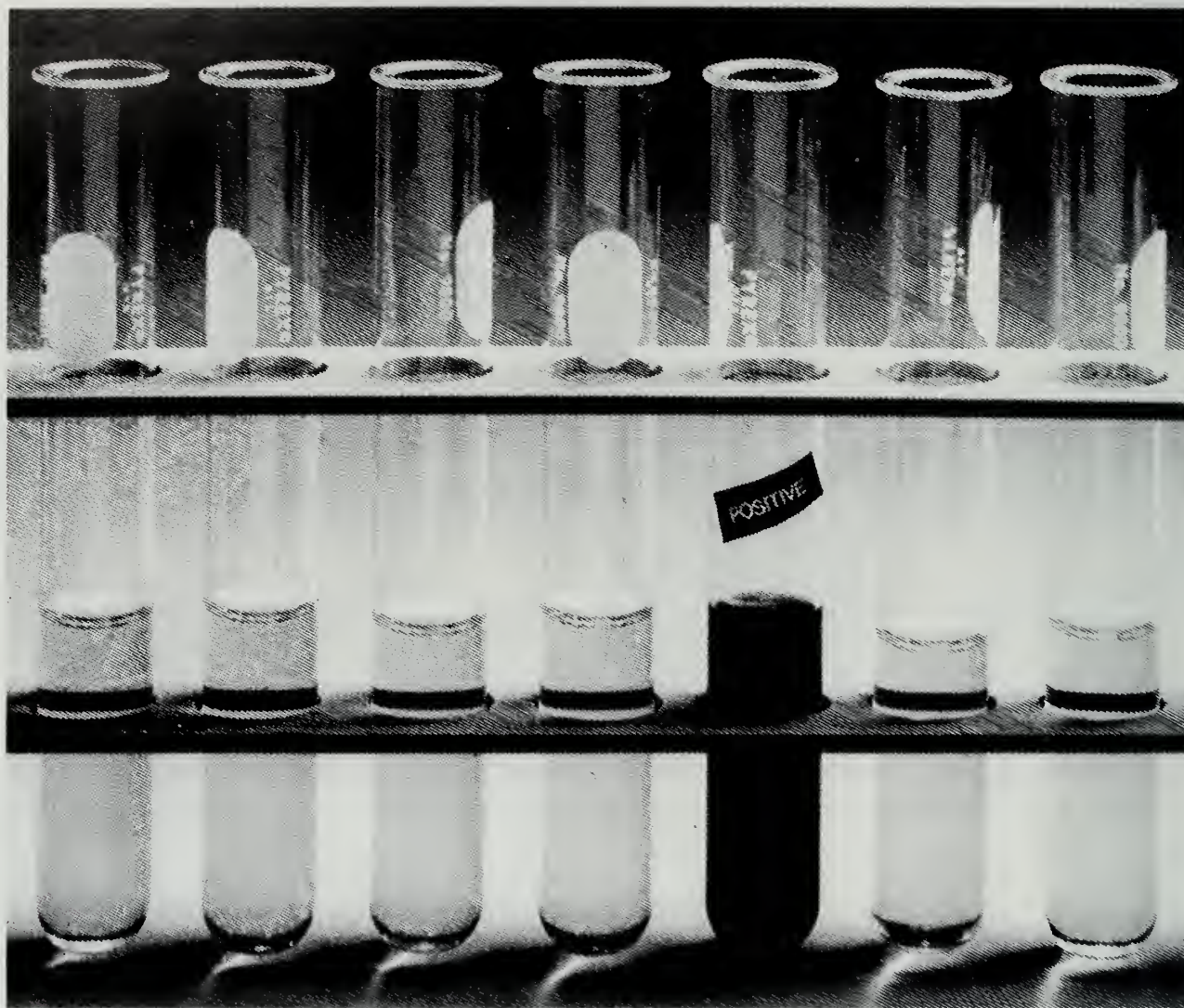
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On July 27, 1996, a pipe bomb exploded at 1:20 A.M., killing Alice Hawthorne of Albany, GA and injuring 111 others. A Turkish cameraman rushing to the scene died of a heart attack. Richard Jewell, a security guard working in the park, alerted police to a suspicious knapsack and helped evacuate people before it exploded.

Jewell was hailed a hero, but just a day or two later, a local newspaper identified Jewell as the prime suspect.

After three months of investigation Jewell was publicly cleared as a target of the bomb investigation.

March 3: Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres declared war on the Harras and Jihad, two terrorist groups, hours after a suicide bus bomber killed 19 civilians. He also declared that the peace process would not continue until Palestinian leader Yassir Arafat dismantled all terrorist organizations.

March 13: A teacher and 16 kindergarten students were slain by a gunman in Dublane, Scotland. The gunman was a boys' club leader. He also injured twelve other children and two teachers.

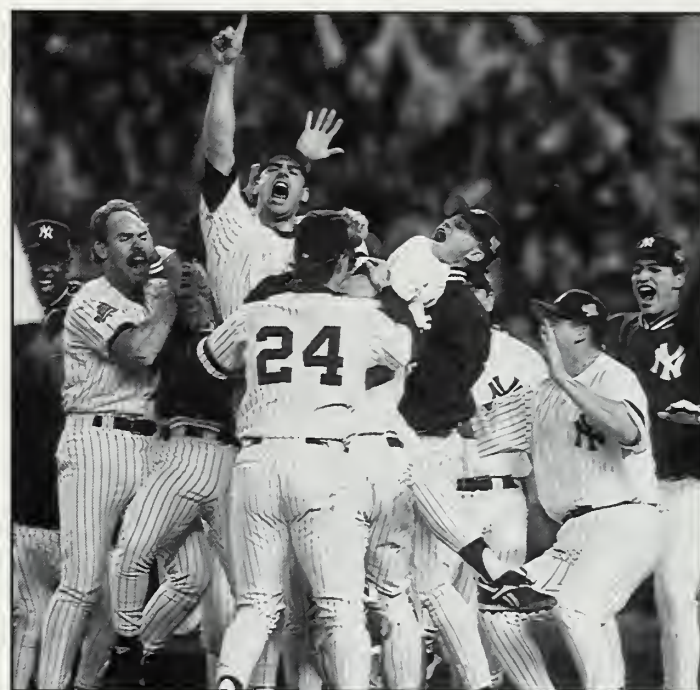
March 20: Lyle and Erik Menendez were convicted of first-degree murder for killing their parents Jose and Mary Louise Menendez. Both of the brothers admitted to killing their parents, but said they feared for their lives every day and that their parents had sought to keep them silent about the years of sexual and physical abuse they endured. The two brothers were later spared the death penalty.

March 25: "Braveheart" stole the show at the 1996 Academy Awards by winning 13 Oscars. Mel Gibson won two Awards for the epic about a 13th-century patriot. Nicholas Cage won Best Actor for his role in "Leaving Las Vegas," and Susan Sarandon won Best Actress for her role in "Dead Man Walking." Supporting honors were awarded to Kevin Spacey in "The Usual Suspects" and Mira Sorvino in "Mighty Aphrodite."

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The World Series trophy is back in the Bronx, thanks to a New York Yankees team that never gave up.

Given no chance after two humbling losses at home, the Yankees won their first World Series title since 1978 with a 3-2 victory over the defending champion Atlanta Braves in Game 6 on Saturday, October 26, 1996. This marked the Yankees' 23rd title, the most in history.

April 16: The Chicago Bulls defeated the Milwaukee Bucks for their 70th win of the regular season. They surpassed the previous record, set by the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers, on their way to an all-time best 72-10.

April 18: Israeli bombs rocked Lebanon and killed 75 citizens. U.S. officials were called in to mediate a cease-fire between Israeli and Hezbollah guerrillas.

April 24: Much of the Kennedy's "Camelot" went up for sale at an auction. Some items up for bid included Jackie O's 40-carat diamond ring, which sold for \$2.6 million, and a mahogany desk on which JFK signed after the 1963 Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

May 7: Four Florida teens, who were members of a self-styled-militia called the "Lords of Chaos," killed high school band director Mark Schwebes. The group, led by 18-year-old Christopher Burnett, held racist and homophobic views.

May 11: ValuJet flight 592 crashed into the Florida Everglades. All 109 people on board were pronounced dead. Recovery efforts were stalled due to alligators, snakes and murky conditions at the scene. A flight recorder found days later helped solve part of the mysterious crash.

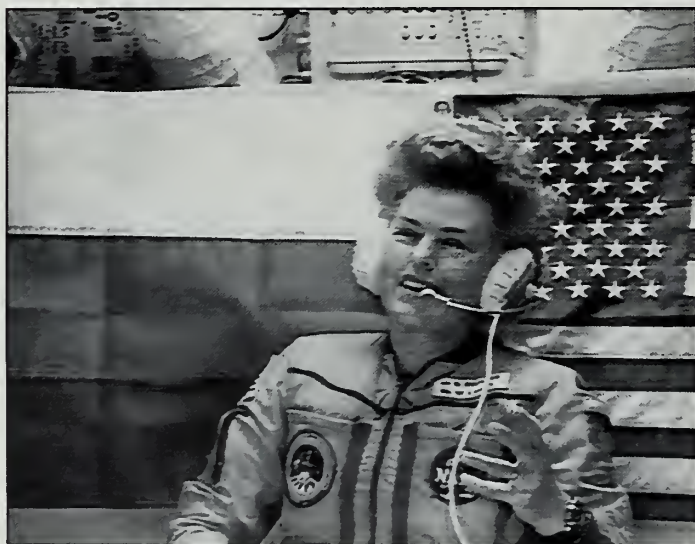
May 12: Graduation day turned tragic on the University of North Carolina's campus when five people were killed in a

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Chicago Bulls basketball star Dennis Rodman taped a scene with Kristen Johnston and Joseph Gordon-Levitt on the set of "3rd Rock from the Sun" for the episode that aired in September 1996. Rodman played himself in the episode but was believed to be an alien by one of the show's characters. Was that surprising?



A cheering crowd of hundreds and a handshake from President Clinton greeted astronaut Shannon Lucid as she returned home on September 27, 1996, a day after ending her record six-month journey in space.

May 15: Bob Dole dramatically resigned from the Senate to revive his GOP presidential campaign.

May 20: In Denver, the Supreme Court gave a boost to gay rights by striking down a Colorado measure that banned laws from protecting homosexual bias. President Clinton supported the issue.

May 30: Benjamin Netanyahu was an upset winner in the Israeli presidential elections. He vowed to block the creation of Palestinian state and wanted peaceful relations with Israel's neighbors.

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Alanis Morissette was at the top of her profession. Sales of "Jagged Little Pill" reached 13 million, and the 22-year-old Canadian singer/songwriter's debut in the U.S. became the best-selling album by a female artist. She won four Grammys in February 1996.

June 26: Virginia Military Institution (VMI) lost a landmark decision when the Supreme Court ruled that the all-male institute must admit women to its college program or would lose its state funding.

July 1: Federal agents found twelve “Viper Militia” members in Phoenix, and charged them with plotting to bomb government officials. Attorney General Janet Reno said the suspects planned to bomb the Phoenix Offices of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Internal Revenue Service, Immigration and Naturalization Service and Secret Service.

July 2: "Independence Day," the sci-fi clash between aliens and the United States, opened up to record crowds at the theaters. Jeff Goldblum, Will Smith and Bill Pullman starred in the film.

July 4: Boris Yeltsin won the Russian presidential election by 13 percentage points and said he wanted to push the country forward with Western-style economic reforms.

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On July 17, 1996, a Boeing 747 jumbo jet took off from JFK Airport in New York, never to reach its destination in Paris. TWA Flight 800 exploded and crashed into the ocean in hundreds of pieces. There were no survivors among the 230 people aboard.

Several memorials scattered the coast of Fire Island. Some were erected by family, some by friends, and some by those paying tribute to victims who lost their lives in the crash.

Wildfires burned out of control in California during 1996, spreading fire across thousands of acres. Although not responsible for the initial start, the Santa Ana winds acted like gasoline on a match, threatening lives, homes, wildlife and wilderness.

Every time the Santa Ana winds calmed down even slightly, an army of fully water-loaded helicopters and airplanes took to the skies, racing to put an end to the wildfires before the winds picked up.

According to the National Interagency Fire Center, 1996 produced the nation's worst wildfire season in more than four decades. They claimed more than six million acres, the most since 1952.

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Jewel, winner of the Favorite New Artist in Pop/Rock category, holds her award backstage at the American Music Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles (CA) in 1997. Her two big hits, "Who will save your soul?" and "You were meant for me" were played regularly throughout 96-97.

July 10: An estimated one million people were ordered to evacuate northern Florida in order to escape the wrath of Hurricane Bertha, a 400-mile wide storm.

July 14: A car bomb exploded at a hotel in Belfast, Ireland, injuring three people. This capped a week of rioting in northern Ireland, resulting from differences in political opinion.

July 19: Opening Ceremonies to the 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics were performed at Olympic Stadium in front of 80,000 spectators. Olympian swimmer Janet Evans handed the famed Olympic torch (which traveled 15,000 miles) to 1960 gold medalist Muhammed Ali.

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August 6: In a meteorite found in Antarctica, scientists found the first strong evidence that microscopic life may have existed on Mars more than four billion years ago. The meteorite showed chemical traces of organic compounds that came from biological activities.

August 18: Ross Perot, a Texas billionaire, accepted the Reform Party nomination, making the 1996 election a three-man race. The same weekend, Bob Dole began his campaign for the presidency.

August 21: In Chicago, the Democratic National Convention kicked off at the United Center. The city spent over \$30 million



On August 25, U.S. Amateur Tiger Woods made golf history when he won his third consecutive amateur championship. Woods became a media darling and was invited to play on the Pro-Tour. A week later, he signed a \$40 million endorsement deal with Nike.

The sudden success of the 20-year-old Woods in his first two months as a professional focused attention on golf in a way unseen since the days of Arnold Palmer. Woods, barely removed from being a teenager himself, appeared to be drawing teens and pre-teens to the game in astonishing numbers.

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September 8: The Emmy's 50th anniversary saw "ER" win the award for Best Drama, while "Frasier" won Best Comedy Series. Dennis Franz, Kathy Baker, John Lithgow and Helen Hunt were awarded best actor/actress awards.



Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Arafat met with Pres. Clinton to discuss the chances for peace in the Middle East. Negotiations in early October 1996 between the leaders failed to resolve bitter differences that exploded in violence and jeopardized the peace process.



There was something improbable about Boris Yeltsin, snowy hair waxed into his rigid, trademark pompadour, indulging in a bit of boogie at a pop concert, but he made it a point to support young people. They were in the forefront of the pro-democracy, pro-reform movement that made Yeltsin Russia's first freely-elected president.

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September 9: Pete Sampras defeated Michael Chang to win his fourth U.S. Open Championship, while Stefi Graf defeated Monica Seles to win her fifth, and 3,000 bikers raised money for AIDS treatment at the Boston-New York AIDS Ride. Bikers of all ages raced in the four-day event.

September 10: An anti-gay marriage bill was passed in the Senate. This curbed same-sex marriages and prevented attempts to ban job discrimination against homosexuals.

September 13: Six days after being shot four times in the chest, rap star Tupac Shakur died in Las Vegas.

September 14: Tara Dawn Holland, Miss Kansas, won the job of her dreams when she was crowned Miss America.

September 17: Spiro Agnew, former Vice-President under President Nixon, died at the age of 77.



On September 23 John F. Kennedy, Jr. wed Carolyn Bessette on Cumberland Island, an 18-mile long national park off the Georgia Coast. JFK, Jr. wore his father's watch, and his boutonniere was a corn flower, his mother's favorite.

September 25: Johnathan Arevette, a 6-year-old student, was removed from his Lexington, N.C. classroom for kissing a female classmate. He said the girl requested the kiss.

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October 9: During the first game of the Yankees-Orioles American League playoff series, Jeff Maier, a Yankees fan, reached into the field of play to catch a ball that would have only hit the top of the outfield fence. Umpires ruled the ball a home run, which propelled the Yankees to a 5-4 victory. Maier turned into an instant celebrity. The next day, Maier appeared on "Good Morning, America" and local and national newscasts. The catch helped the Yankees win the series and sent them to the World Series.

October 13: The AIDS quilt, which consisted of 40,000 panels with 70,000 names on it, was laid across 24 acres of the National Mall, the area between the Capitol and the Washington Monument. Many family members and friends visited the Capitol to show their support for AIDS victims.

October 23: Republican nominee Bob Dole asked Reform Party nominee Ross Perot to drop his presidential bid. Dole thought that Perot did not have a fighting chance and was taking away crucial votes. Perot said that he would stay in the race until the bitter end.

November 5: Bill Clinton easily won this year's presidential election over Republican Bob Dole and Reform candidate Ross Perot. He was the first Democrat since Franklin D. Roosevelt to win a second term. The Republicans retained control in the Senate and were poised to control the House of Representatives, even though they had a smaller majority. All of these factors added up to another divided government.



The Smashing Pumpkins (Billy Corgan, D'Arcy and James Iha) received the MTV Video Music Award for Best Video of the Year in 1996. The 8-year-old band from Chicago rose to superstar status with its release of "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness." The double album exceeded 6 million copies as of this publication.

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President Clinton was re-elected in 1996. He made the decision to hold the Democratic Convention in Chicago, a traditionally Democratic city.

November 7: Two drill sergeants and a captain were accused of coercing 30 female recruits into having sex with them. Victims said they were raped, sodomized or forced to have illegal sex at the Army Ordinance Center in Arbdreen, MD.

November 10: Evander Holyfield shocked Mike Tyson, and the world when he TKO'd Tyson in the 11th round of their Heavyweight Championship battle in Las Vegas. Holyfield was rewarded with an \$11 million payday.

November 13: The United States agreed to send 1,000 troops to Zaire in an attempt to stop starvation and disease. Soldiers joined a Canadian-led operation which included soldiers from twelve other nations.

November 19: Lou Holtz, head football coach at Notre Dame for ten years, resigned from his duties. Many speculated the resignation was because he did not want to beat legendary coach Knute Rockne's 105-12-5 record at Notre Dame. Others believed the school put pressure on him to resign. Holtz ended his career at Notre Dame with a 99-29-2 record.

December 3: Major League Baseball decided to spice up the game by adding intra-league play. Next year, the American League will play games versus the National League. This means the White Sox will play the Cubs. The League was hoping to draw more fans to the sport.

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Michael Johnson knows how to close out a race quickly and efficiently. When he thought that his 1996 Olympic rivals in the men's 200 meter might threaten his 19.66 world record, he upped the ante. He broke it himself, coming in with a time of 19.32.

The 200-meter record had never been broken by such a large margin. Even Johnson could not believe it.



December 3: Hawaii's ban on same-sex marriages was struck down, making it the first state to allow homosexual marriage. It was the first time homosexual and heterosexual marriages were looked at equally by any U.S. legislature.

December 5: President Clinton named U.N. Ambassador Madeline Albright the first woman ever to serve as Secretary of State.

December 17: In Lima, Peru, 30 guerrillas posed as waiters at a party at the house of Morisha Aoki, Japan's ambassador. They took hundreds of diplomats and government officials hostage. Aoki called a radio station from the house to inform the public that there were no injuries. The guerrillas were members of the Tupac Amaru movement. The rebels later released their female hostages and allowed the Peru Red Cross to arrange for food and medicine to be sent to the house.

December 19: A new television rating system was introduced for the first time. The labels determined whether shows were suitable for children. The label TV-14 was placed on shows like "Married With Children," "X-Files" and "NYPD Blue." Other labels included TV-Y, suitable for all ages, and TV-7, suitable for ages 7 and older. The labels were displayed during the beginning of television shows.

December 26: JonBenet Ramsey, a 6-year-old beauty queen from Boulder, CO, was found strangled to death in her home. Ramsey was crowned Little Miss Colorado in 1995. The murder was the first slaying in Boulder all year.

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January 2: Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel passed for 306 yards and three touchdowns and ran for another as the Florida Gators cruised past the Florida State Seminoles at the Sugar Bowl, winning the College Football National Championship.

January 8: Newt Gingrich was voted the first Speaker of the House in 68 years to win successive terms.

January 15: Dennis Rodman kicked photographer Eugene Amos in the groin at the Bulls-Timberwolves game. Rodman was suspended for 11 games without pay. When he returned, Rodman donated his salary for the next 11 games to charity.

January 16: 27-year-old Ennis Cosby, son of Bill Cosby, was shot and killed in Los Angeles while changing a flat tire. Just one week later, Cosby was accused of having a rendezvous with another woman in the '70s. Autumn Jackson and an accomplice were charged with plotting to extort money from Cosby, and for falsely claiming Cosby was her father.

January 26: The Green Bay Packers brought the Super Bowl trophy back to "Titletown" by defeating the New England Patriots 35-21 at the Louisiana Superdome. Desmond Howard was awarded the Super Bowl MVP.

January 27: Oksana Baiul was arrested for drunk driving and forced to enter an alcohol education program in order to have her drunken and reckless driving charges dropped.



Bob Dole accepted the GOP presidential nomination in front of 1,990 Republican delegates. Vice-Presidential nominee Jack Kemp warmed up the crowd by embracing Dole's tax plan.

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February 4: A civil jury found O.J. Simpson liable for the deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. The jury awarded \$8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's family. One week later, a superior court jury charged Simpson with a \$25 million punitive damages for the killings. The only juror who voted against the punitive damages had black ancestry.

March 24: "The English Patient" won nine of the thirteen awards it was nominated for at the 1997 Academy Awards, including Best Picture. Geoffrey Rush won Best Actor for his role in "Shine" and Frances McDormand won Best Actress for her role in "Fargo". Supporting honors were awarded to Cuba Gooding, Jr. for his role in "Jerry Maguire" and Juliette Binoche for her performance in "The English Patient." Jenny McCarthy and Dennis Rodman were voted worse dressed by the E! channel.



Though she was still not playing a formal political role, Chelsea Clinton, the poised, precocious 16-year-old was slowly developing a public life.

On the first day of a long campaign, Chelsea asked if she could be present. Her parents said, "Fine. It's up to you if you want to do it," explained spokesman Mike McCurry.

So there she was: sharing the stage with her father, the president, and her mother. As the huge crowd shouted "Four more years!" and rose to applaud the president's closing lines, Chelsea joined him at the front of the stage to wave.

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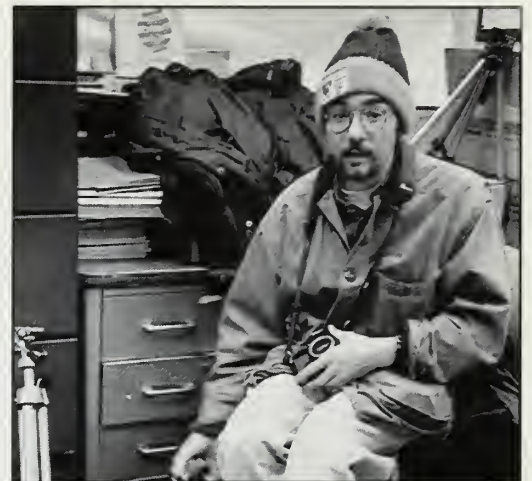
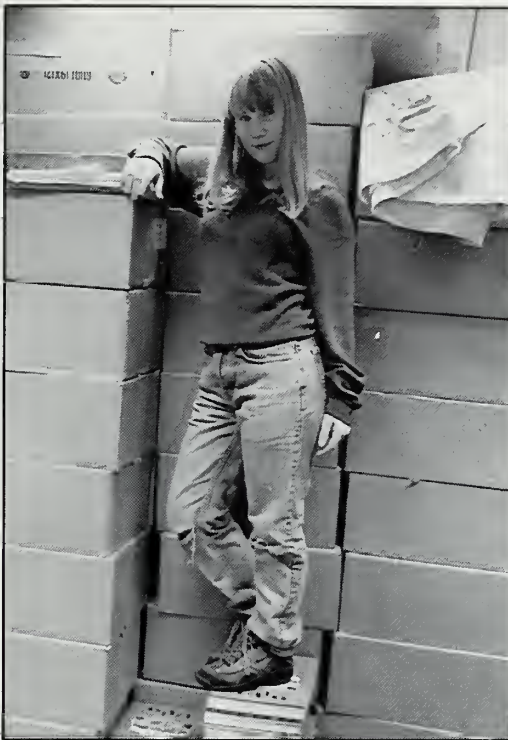


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members of the wacky staff gather for a group photo



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The supreme dorks get caught in the act by a crazy publisher armed with a camera. After two all-nighters Mary Ann, Pam, Kristina, Leslie and Slahor are STILL figuring out the ladder. AHHHHHHH!



Right: The *Illio* parties with Jim.



Pam and Adam Motin, *Illio* proofreader, pose in a photo booth.

All the *Opinions* are in, and the book has come to an end. I realize the average person does not think making a year-book is that big of a deal, but for me it is the end of an unbelievably long, stressful, sleepless year. It started with many random ideas and an unorganized office. What you now flip through is the culmination of all the ideas and moments, good and bad that were brought together by a few diehard and talented staff members of the *Illio*. The book might be impressive in its size, but it is impossible to imagine what goes into its production unless you live through the fun and the HELL that comes along with it. Literally thousands of photos were taken and printed, hundreds of stories written, edited, rewritten and re-edited; and countless hours were spent designing and producing every one of the 480 pages between the front and back covers. I would like to take this time to thank all of the staff members who have helped make *Opinions* become a reality.

Jim (Sagittarius), the patron saint of publishing, thank you for your unending support through the laughter and the tears. Sorry there were so many tears, but as you know I can be emotional at times. Even though numerous complications made me want to kill myself and take you with me, you always were a great role model and a good friend. Thank you for always showing enthusiasm and faith that this year's book would rock. I'll never forget all the help and guidance you have given me.

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your fault, not mine. Good luck on the 1998 *Illio*. I sincerely hope it turns out even better than this year's book. Keep in touch; somehow I know you will.

Mary Ann (Leo), thank you for all the enthusiasm you put toward your section. Also a big thanks for helping out all year even after your section was finished. You handled the index well.

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dani and pam-crazy at the office

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Love, Dani Croft

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Editor in Chief



The Rip Chords take the stage at Lincoln Hall. They were just one of the a cappella groups that performed live at the U of I. Photo by Pete MacKay



when choosing to attend such a large university, it is inevitable new issues will be brought up, minds will be changed, opinions will be formed and decisions will be made. we have learned from each other while influencing those around us. together we celebrated our academic achievements, cheered our athletic teams and attended concerts or special events. some opinions remained constant, but it was those who spoke their view which made this a more diverse and educated public forum. to say the least, the u of i offered new definitions of racism, homosexuality and sexism, and gave students a chance to form their own opinions.

One student takes a moment to be alone in front of Harker Hall. Many students enjoy picking little hideaways on campus to relax and do some reading or relaxing.





Dave Clugston, senior in FAA takes his art seriously. Here he is placing a special mixture into a mold.

Sean O'Connor, freshman in LAS and Melissa Eddington, freshman in Engineering, get to mix potions in a science class.



hands on classes

It's the **reason** we are all here. The **classes** we will remember most are the ones that allowed us to **create** and learn new skills hands on. If you are an arts major or an engineer there are always classes with **projects** like these. Of course, some are also popular **electives**.



-pete mackay

Shelia Branham, senior in FAA helps Ellen McGuire, senior in LAS with a project in her flower arranging class. The class is a popular elective on campus.

Dan Hodgson, senior in FAA, is an architecture major. Like many, he has spent many late nights in labs working hard.

-pete mackay



-pete mackay



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Tonya Clay, senior in FAA staples pictures for one of her projects. Clay is a painting major but experiments with many different mediums.

habitat for humanity's shanty town

Every year Habitat For Humanity lends a hand, or rather groups of them, to help **needy** families in the Chambana area. This year we saw Shanty Town, the event the organization sponsored on the Quad to raise awareness across the U of I student body of the

homeless. Students set up **shanties** primarily composed of cardboard, and a make-shift soup kitchen to allow students to walk in the footsteps of the **homeless**. The main difference was that this lasted only one night compared to the endless cold nights the homeless spend on the streets. In addition to the various speakers that talked about **poverty**, an acoustic band played for those who came to participate.



-charles cass

Umbrellas were abound at last year's Shanty Town. Even though the weather was rainy, a great number of students participated in the event.



-charles cass

These two students are singing in the rain during Habitat for Humanity's Shanty Town, which took place on the Quad.



-charles cass

One student pops out of her shanty to talk to some friends. Shanties were set up on the Quad to raise awareness of the homeless.

school spirit

Even though the **football** team lacked a winning record, **Homecoming** week did not lack spirit. The Illini hosted Iowa while looking at **past and present pride** on campus. Students welcomed alumni and fans with great spirit. Store windows were painted, floats were built, **pep rallies** were attended and a king and queen were crowned. **Spirit** reigned, but the scoreboard read the same, old result, an excruciating 31-20 loss to the hated Hawkeyes.

Float building is a tradition U of I students have participated in since the campus celebrated the first homecoming festivities in America. Here, a member of Illini Pride puts finishing touches on the U of I symbol.



-pete mackay




-pete mackay

Green Street turned orange and blue during Homecoming week. Students painted cam-pustown stores from Wright to First Streets to show their Illini spirit.

Just a few more poms until the illini Pride float is complete! illini Pride, which is one of U of I's largest and most spirited organizations on campus, builds their float at the Round Barn in Urbana.





The Marching Illini celebrated the Olympics returning to the United States by shooting off red, blue, green, yellow and black smoke during the halftime show at the USC game.

Photo: Bob Rybeck

Life on the Quad

Quad Day, sponsored by the Illini Division of Campus Recreation, offered students the **opportunity** to sign up for any and every **club** of their choice, whether it be Student Alumni Association or the Women's Soccer Club. Students also got a taste of U of I spirit by watching **performances** by the Marching Illini, Illini Dance Team, cheerleaders and Illinettes. Besides Quad Day, many students celebrated the Quad's beauty everyday. It is one of the most popular places to study, hang out with **friends** and sleep between classes.



-pamela riley

Two students show off their American Gladiator skills at Quad Day. Students got a chance to have fun in the sun and to sign up for various clubs and organizations.



-pamela riley

This student paints on the *Illio* canvas. The canvas was used to advertise the 1996-97 yearbook.



Ahhhh, the joys of a little sunshine and relaxation. This student takes time out between classes to catch some rays while reading for one of her classes.

-pete mackay



The Quad was a great place to sit back and enjoy sunny days, chat with friends or study between classes. These students take time out from chatting to exchange some notes for an upcoming exam.

-pete mackay

The best known building on campus is the Illini Union. The Union offers The Courtyard Cafe, which is used for studying and talking. It has many specialty food shops for students to grab a quick bite to eat.





-pete mackay



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brick and tradition

The sun has risen and set many times and the colors of the leaves have fascinated us year after year, but there has been one constant in students' lives - the amazing architecture of the buildings on the Quad. Each building has a distinct look and retains thousands of memories as their doors open and close to a new class. Whether it was Altgeld's bells ringing 'Hail to the Orange', the Union's towers hovering over the Quad or the inverted pyramid shape of the Foreign Language Building, one thing remained - elegance.

The English Building rests between Lincoln Hall and Henry Administration Building.

The Foreign Languages Building is best known for its unique inverted pyramid shape. French, Spanish and Russian were taught here. The Temple Hoyne Buell Hall housed architecture classes.



-pete mackay

The Chemical Life and Sciences building is one of the newest buildings on campus.

weekends with family and friends

Weekends are the time when many family members and alumni came to Champaign-Urbana and spent quality time with U of I students.

Mom's Day, Dad's Day and Homecoming were three of the biggest crowd drawers. Going out with Mom at the U of I is one thing students did every year. It's the least we could do since they gave us the opportunity to be at this fine institution. The Mom's Day Fashion Show was one of the most popular events on Mom's Day weekend.

Tailgating was one of the favorite pastimes of U of I students and their loved ones. Miniature grills and lots of raw meat were signs a football game is near.



Four students show off their threads at the Mom's Day Fashion Show. The annual show was sponsored by the Illini Union Board and gave Mom a chance to see some U of I's modeling talent.



-paul grano



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Hike! Students took advantage of the spring weather to enjoy a variety of sports, including football. With a little practice, these students could have taken on Lou Tepper's team.

Basketball was one popular activity with U of I students. Here, students play ball for a good cause at Theta Hoops three-on-three tournament.





-pete mackay



-pete mackay

Basketball was always a great source of exercise and relaxation for students.

just for fun

Students did more this year than study, sleep and drink. **Intramural** sports were popular pastimes across campus. **IMPE** was full of **basketball, volleyball and badminton** players, as well as swimmers, runners and weightlifters. Some students played to benefit charity at **Theta Hoops**, while others played in Fraternity leagues. Some just headed to the park for some fun with **friends**. One thing was sure - U of I students were on the go.



-pete mackay

This student prepares for his John Paxson impersonation during Theta Hoops.



-andrew rybac

In the **opinion** of many students, Athletic Director Ron Guenther made the right **decision** when he decided to replace Coach Lou Tepper with Bears assistant Ron Turner. Still, it was bittersweet watching Tepper lead the **Illini** onto the field in the team's final home game against Wisconsin. The Illini had a rough season in **1997**, but there's always next **year**...



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